



### SAFETY MONTH AT BETHESDA HEALTH CARE

National Safe Work Australia month is celebrated in October each year, and Bethesda Health Care is making sure they spread the word to staff as well as visitors to the hospital. The month aims to improve awareness of work health and safety, encourage discussion about safety at work and share positive workplace stories from across Australia.

Some of the dedicated activities that are happening throughout the hospital in October included:

- Promotion of Bethesda Health Care Occupational Health and Safety (OSH) representatives to all staff
- Sending out posters and statistics provided by National Safe Work Australia
- Equipment trials for patient lifting equipment
- Noise survey using an external accredited noise officer
- Opportunity for OSH representatives to attend a WorkSafe WA information session on known hazards.

Last year Bethesda Health Care retained their WorkSafe Platinum status from WorkSafe WA for a further two years. The Claremont based hospital remains the only private hospital in WA with this accolade that was initially received in 2013.

Yasmin Naglazas, CEO of Bethesda Health Care said that 'we continue to focus our efforts towards injury prevention and whilst it is difficult to achieve and maintain a low injury rate in the healthcare industry, Bethesda Health Care is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace.'

Melody Miles, Manager OSH at Bethesda Health Care said that 'this month is very important to spread the safe work message and for all of our staff to be aware of the resources available to them'.

Bethesda Health Care is an independent 88-bed award-winning hospital in Claremont who has been providing care and service to the Western Australian community for more than 70 years.

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