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Patient safety a priority at Gympie Hospital

Providing exceptional patient care at all times is what Gympie Hospital staff strive toward every day.

In fact, the hospital team has coined the service it provides to patients as Gympie Gold Care, Gympie Hospital’s Clinical Director of Medical Services, Dr Frank Le Bacq says.

The hospital’s fourth annual Patient Safety Day on Thursday, 24 May 2018 will focus on patient centred, evidence based care. Frequently presenting patient problems will be under the microscope, as hospital departments review their performance in line with best practice approaches.

Dr Le Bacq says patient safety is a fundamental principle of healthcare.

“We hold an annual Patient Safety Day here at Gympie Hospital to help us continue to improve health outcomes,” Dr Le Bacq said.

“We approach patient safety using a multidisciplinary team response and on this day we have presentations from teams across the hospital including the emergency department, pharmacy, women’s and children’s health, protective services, and ward and cleaning staff.

“This year we will be focusing on improving the processes and procedures in place for some of our most common patient problems. A better understanding of issues can improve processes for staff and improve health outcomes for patients,” he said.

Patient Safety Day will start with an overview of the Gympie Safety Report Card and a history of evidence based care. Awards will be presented at the end of the day for the best ideas and presentations.

Posters will be displayed by the various units which will also serve as a focus for departmental patient safety activities for the coming year.

Media Opportunity:
INTERVIEW / PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
What: Clinical Director Medical Services, Dr Frank Le Bacq
When: Thursday 24 May, 8:00 am to 3:00pm
Where: Dining room, Gympie Hospital

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