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In safe hands at Gympie Hospital

You are in safe hands at Gympie Hospital, where patient safety is a priority and hospital staff will participate in their third annual Patient Safety Day on Thursday, 8 June 2017.

The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service continues to focus on delivering high quality patient-centred care, and Gympie Hospital’s Patient Safety Day will raise awareness of ways to improve the patient process and how to work together through patient service partnerships.

Clinical Director Medical Services, Dr Frank Le Bacq said patient safety was a fundamental principle of health care.

“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 will have presentations from teams across the hospital including the emergency department, pharmacy, women’s and children’s health, nurse navigators, protective services, and ward and cleaning staff,” he said.

“This year we will look at ways we can engage the patients and their carers more so they have a better understanding of their health problem.

“Better understanding can improve ownership of their health issues and lead to increased motivation to change some aspects of their lifestyle and respond positively to treatment.

“Our staff strive to provide exceptional patient care at all times, and our teams here at the hospital proudly call it Gympie Gold Care,” Dr Le Bacq said.

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.

INTERVIEW / PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

What: Clinical Director Medical Services, Dr Frank Le Bacq will share with staff an outline of 2016’s successes and the way forward.

When: 8.30am, Thursday, 8 June 2017

Where: Gubbi Gubbi Room, Gympie Hospital

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