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HEALTH MINISTER OPENS INAUGURAL INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM

The Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, Jillian Skinner, has today opened the inaugural NSW Health Innovation Symposium.

Clinicians, researchers and health professionals who are driving change in the delivery of health care across NSW assembled today for the day-long symposium at the Australian Technology Park at Eveleigh.

The symposium showcases 26 presentations from across the state. Some of the projects and programs featured are among the 35 finalists at tonight's 14th NSW Health Awards, to be held at the same venue.

"Today is a very exciting day for health in NSW, a day to celebrate the power of ideas," Mrs Skinner said.

"The inaugural symposium brings together people from across the state who are shining a light on the new ways of delivering health care. They can learn from each other and inspire others."

Mrs Skinner said she was delighted to launch the Innovation Showcase, which is available from today on the NSW Health website.

The link is www.health.nsw.gov.au/innovation.

"This will be an invaluable resource for those who wish to learn from the excellent new models of care which are on display today and which will continue to be developed by inspiring clinicians, researchers and health practitioners across the state."

The Director-General of NSW Health, Dr Mary Foley, will deliver a keynote address at the symposium.

"I am extremely proud of the excellent work being done every day across our health system and inspired by the innovation we are seeing in all aspects of the care we are delivering to patients," Dr Foley said.

The Minister for Mental Health and Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, Kevin Humphries, will deliver the closing address.

“The symposium reflects the NSW Government’s commitment to change, improve, and deliver outstanding clinical, community and mental health care to our communities.

“Creating a culture of innovation and innovative thinking will play an extremely important role in our commitment to deliver a world-class health system for the people of NSW,” Mr Humphries said.