

SUBJECT AREA	COMMONWEALTH	NSW GOVERNMENT	NSW HEALTH	LHD / NETWORK
<p>Clinical Governance</p>	<p>Australian Health Services Safety and Quality Accreditation Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Health Services Safety and Quality Accreditation Scheme endorsed by the Health Ministers in November 2010. • National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards, which form a key part of the Scheme, developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) • Under the Scheme, public hospitals are required to be assessed against the 10 standards by an accredited assessment agency. • The ACSQHC accredits assessor agencies and monitors compliance. • As part of the accreditation process, hospital services are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessed against the 10 standards over a 3 to 4 year cycle - As part of the assessment to provide accrediting agency with evidence to demonstrate implementation of the Standards 	<p>National Standards and role of ACSQHC provided for under the National Health Reform Agreement signed by the premier on behalf of NSW in 2010.</p>	<p>Director General as public health system manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for facilitating the achievement and maintenance of adequate standards of patient care within NSW public hospitals and the NSW Public Health System • Supported through “pillar” agencies such as CEC and ACI who work with the Ministry and LHDs/Networks to improve and support clinical services <p>Clinical Excellence Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assists public health organisations to achieve and maintain adequate standards of patient care through system analysis and improvement; • reviews adverse clinical incidents arising in the NSW public health system and develops responses to those incidents including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - co-ordinating responses to specific incidents with system or state-wide implications - providing advice to the Director-General on urgent or emergent patient safety issues and staff safety issues in a clinical setting; - building capacity within the system to identify and respond to risks and opportunities; • Works with NSW Health, Local Health Districts Specialty Health Networks and clinical groups to address the patient safety issues identified during review of aggregated data. • develops policy and strategy related to improvements of clinical quality and safety across the NSW public health system • Supports LHDs and SHNs in implementation of the NSQHS Standards <p>Agency for Clinical Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviews, develops and enhances protocols, guidelines and models of care and monitor the implementation of their performance; • identifies initiatives to facilitate innovative and efficient practice across the health system; • identifies variation in clinical practice and develops mechanisms to address inappropriate variation. • Works with clinical networks to design and implement new models of care and patient pathways to drive clinical innovation and improve patient outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains the quality and safety of the services provided by the LHD/Network; • Ensure clinical governance structures and policies are in place • Participates in the Australian Services Safety and Quality Accreditation Scheme. • Through Clinical Governance Units (CGU): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop and monitor policies and procedures for improving systems of care at hospital and LHD level; - oversee the risk management of patient safety and clinical quality by building upon existing incident management and investigation systems. • Conduct RCAs of SAC 1 and SAC 2 incidents as appropriate and implement recommendations of those RCAs