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## MoU creates new ACHSM Branch in South Asia

- **New agreement brings ACHSM's career enhancements tools for healthcare leaders further afield internationally**
- **Fellowship is the highest membership category awarded by the and will be promoted to members in South Asia now**

On Mon 7 May 2018, the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu MGR Medical University in Chennai, India to formally establish a new ACHSM Branch to be known as the South Asian Centre for Health Service Management

The MoU was signed in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr S Geethalakshmi and Registrar Dr T Balasubramanian, and ACHSM President Prof Neale Fong accompanied by Adj Assoc Prof John Rasa (ACHSM Fellowship Chief Examiner International).

### **Background information on the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM)**

ACHSM is the peak professional body for health service managers in Australasia and brings together health leaders to learn, network and share ideas which in turn shape our current and future health systems.

Members and non-members can learn network via professional development events, run by College branches, or the annual Asia-Pacific congress, which attracts around 500 delegates every year.

The mission of the College is to recognise, develop and support effective health leadership and management. The aim is to help deliver quality services and improve health and wellbeing by:

- providing the best professional development and networking opportunities for health managers
- advocating for and promoting the health management profession
- recognising the achievements of health service managers
- promoting innovation and excellence.

The College is an incorporated not-for-profit charity with approximately 2500 members and plays an important role in the leading and managing effective health systems. It is well known that the quality of management and leadership in the health system has a substantial and tangible effect on patient outcomes and experiences, healthcare costs and the satisfaction of the health workforce. The College plays an integral role in creating, developing and supporting the leaders and managers of the health system with a view to create better health for all.

The College has Branches in all Australian State capital cities and, through MoUs, in New Zealand, Hong Kong, China, the Philippines and now the Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University in Chennai, India, as signed on Mon 7 May 2018 in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr S Geethalakshmi and Registrar Dr T Balasubramanian, and ACHSM President Professor Neale Fong accompanied by Adjunct Associate Professor John Rasa (ACHSM Fellowship Chief Examiner International).

Some of the programs that ACHSM offers to help members boost their health service management career include:

- a professional Fellowship program gained through examination, postgraduate qualification and prior management experience
- leadership self-assessment tools

- access to high-quality webcasts on a wide range of critical topics with world-class health influencers
- a peer-reviewed health management journal (Asia-Pacific Health Management Journal)
- The Health Management Internship Program (HMIP)
- Mentoring

## **Our Fellowship program**

Fellowship is the highest membership category awarded by the College. It is a significant professional achievement and is awarded to those who have demonstrated to their peers that they have the knowledge, attitudes, conceptual and communication skills to be recognised as senior managers and leaders in the health and aged care industries.

When the College advances a member to the status of Fellow, it recognises that person's commitment to research, continuing professional development and learning, and application of knowledge in health service management.

Fellowship within ACHSM is recognised both nationally and internationally and it demonstrates an ongoing commitment to excellence in health service management.

Fellows provide leadership across the spectrum of public, private and not-for-profit organisations, in the areas of acute, primary and long-term care, and health improvement.

They are engaged in tertiary education, research, policy development, government service, professional services and project management.

Last year was very successful for the College, with a record number of 50 new Fellows conferred.

ACHSM Fellows can typically be seen in senior leadership roles such as Chief Executive, Board Director, Clinical Director, Director of Nursing, etc.

Most eligible candidates for Fellowship are required to undertake a period of study through study group and pass an examination. However, a small number of members or health service executives eligible for membership may qualify for the alternative pathway to Fellowship after completing a points-based assessment system.

Fellows of the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA) may also be accepted as a Fellow of ACHSM, following an agreement by the ACHSM Board in 2015.

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### **About**

The Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) is the peak professional body for health managers in Australasia and brings together health leaders to learn, network and share ideas. The mission of the college is Recognise, develop and support effective health leadership and management to deliver quality services and improve health and wellbeing. Visit [achsm.org.au](http://achsm.org.au).