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LESS THAN 90 DAYS TILL MEDTECH17

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) Annual Conference is less than 90 days away. MedTech17 will be take place on the 1st and 2nd November at Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Sydney.

The theme this year is the “*Value of Medical Technology to a Healthier Australia*” and is shaping up to be one of the most outstanding yet with an impressive line-up of national and international speakers.

Speakers include:

1. Dr Dora Hughes, Former Advisor to President Obama (US)
2. Richie Etwaru, Blockchain expert (US)
3. The Hon Brad Hazzard MP, NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research
4. Hon Dr David Gillespie MP, Federal Assistant Minister for Health
5. Tim Kelsey, CEO of the Australian Digital Health Agency
6. Andrew Stuart, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health
7. Adj Prof John Skerritt, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health
8. Dr Rachel David, CEO of Private Healthcare Australia
9. Adrian Turner, CEO of Data61
10. Sue MacLeman, CEO of MTPConnect

The full program is now available at the [Medtech17 website](#)

[Register](#) by Thursday, 31 August to get the early bird 15% discount!

The MTAA Annual Awards Dinner will announce the winner of the 10th Kerrin Rennie Award which acknowledges a company’s extraordinary contribution to the Australian medical technology industry.

Other winners to be announced include the Outstanding Achievement Award for an individual’s contribution to Medtech and the recipient of the MTAA Life Membership Award.

This year we launch the inaugural winner of the Women in MedTech Champion.

Ian Burgess, Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Technology Association of Australia said:

“It is important to keep up with the latest MedTech innovation which is revolutionising healthcare.

“This conference will not only showcase the most recent MedTech innovations from all over the world but provide a forum to exchange idea with industry leaders, local and international.”

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Did you know?

1. The medical technology industry currently employs more than 19,000 people.
2. The industry is highly skilled with over 52% of employees having a tertiary qualification, and 25% having a postgraduate qualification.
3. More than half of Australian medical device companies have grown from start-ups. 40% of all medical device businesses have been established since 2000.
4. In 2013-14, Australia exported medical devices to 167 different countries around the world for a total value of \$2.1 billion.
5. Medical technology (7.76%) is second only to Civil Engineering (8.5%) and pharmaceuticals in third (6.3%) when it comes to filing patents for innovative technology.

About MTAA

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) is the national association representing companies in the medical technology industry. MTAA aims to ensure the benefits of modern, innovative and reliable medical technology are delivered effectively to provide better health outcomes to the Australian community.

MTAA represents manufacturers and suppliers of medical technology used in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and management of disease and disability. The range of medical technology is diverse with products ranging from familiar items such as syringes and wound dressings, through to high-technology implanted devices such as pacemakers, defibrillators, hip and other orthopaedic implants. Products also include hospital and diagnostic imaging equipment such as ultrasounds and magnetic resonance imaging machines.

MTAA members distribute the majority of the non-pharmaceutical products used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and disability in Australia. Our member companies also play a vital role in providing healthcare professionals with essential education and training to ensure safe and effective use of medical technology.