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The Australian College of Nursing welcomes findings from the *Choosing Wisely in Australia 2016 Report*

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) supports the findings by NPS MedicineWise in the *Choosing Wisely in Australia 2016 Report*, which reinforce the urgent need for a national conversation on the appropriate, safe and effective use of the country's health resources.

Australia's health care system faces a number of complex challenges in providing high quality, innovative, safe and cost effective care. As consumer advocates in a range of roles, nurses are well placed to improve outcomes by utilising evidence to effect change that helps shape the health care landscape. ACN supports the recommended '5 Questions' for consumers when speaking with health professionals.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said, "ACN commits to advancing nurse leadership and is a strong consumer advocate. Earlier this year, as part of the Choosing Wise initiative, ACN provided five recommendations to eliminate unnecessary practices and improve patient outcomes. ACN will continue to work with NPS MedicineWise to advocate for patient needs."

To view the recommendations, please click [here](#).

To view the full report, please click [here](#).

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Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, CEO of ACN.

Notes to the Editors:



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Advancing nurse leadership

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurse leaders and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva.

ACN, an organisation not afraid to intelligently challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN advances the skills and expertise of nurses to provide leadership in their contribution to the policy, practice and delivery of health care.

A membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialities, ACN's membership includes many nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

What is the role of ACN to media?

- ACN provides trusted, well supported information about Australia's health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN has a number of media-savvy spokespeople within the organisation who can comment on Australia's health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN offers media with an alternative voice to that of an industrial relations perspective.
- ACN is in-the-know and can comment on health care matters of interest.
- ACN can respond to media requests in a timely manner and with subject/clinical expert's available on-hand for further discussion.
- ACN regularly responds to government updates pertaining to Australia's health care system.

What role does ACN play?

ACN is here to act and deliver results as agents of change. They are working towards a brighter future through advancing nurse leadership to enhance the delivery of health care to all. The organisation provides nurse leaders with access to relevant information, support and education that will enhance Australia's reputation on the world stage.

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