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Liverpool Hospital junior doctors show off their skills

Liverpool Hospital's junior doctors have shown they can’t be beaten when it comes to sharp clinical skills and performing under pressure.

A group of second year doctors - Chilan Nguyen, Sarah Khan, Johnson Tang, Noah Freelander and Cale Burge - won the inaugural NSW Junior Doctors Conference 2018 Medical Challenge.

Dr Tang said the group had enjoyed being able to test their skills against other junior doctors.

“You learn an enormous amount in your first few years as a doctor, particularly in a hospital like Liverpool Hospital,” he said.

“It was great to get the chance to show how far we have come since we started our careers and use the opportunity to engage in some friendly competition with our colleagues from other hospitals.”

The Liverpool Hospital doctors competed against teams from Blacktown and St Vincent’s Hospital as well as a team of medical students.

Karen McMenamin, General Manager Liverpool Hospital, said the group’s success showed the quality of young doctors at the hospital.

“The group were tested on their ability to treat difficult patients in challenging environments and on how they manage the challenges of life as a junior doctor,” she said.

“I was very pleased to see the Liverpool Hospital team was able to do so well up against high quality teams from other busy hospitals like Blacktown Hospital and St Vincent’s Hospital.”

The team bested their competition in two rounds that tested their ability to assess patients with complex conditions and how they juggled the competing demands involved in being a junior doctor.

This year more than 100 new doctors began the first phase of their careers at south western Sydney hospitals, part of 2018’s record intake of 999 medical interns.

The NSW Government has invested $740 million to redevelop Liverpool Hospital and transform it into an academic, health and research precinct.

The redevelopment will include a comprehensive, integrated cancer therapy centre and new maternity and neonatal intensive care units along with improved diagnostic and outpatient services and research facilities.