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EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN WITH PASSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AWARDED AMA HONOUR

**AMA WOMAN IN MEDICINE AWARD
 AMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2016 (Twitter: #amanc16)**

Associate Professor Diana Egerton-Warburton has been awarded the 2016 AMA Woman in Medicine Award in recognition of her exceptional contribution to the development of emergency medicine, and her passion for public health.

AMA President Professor Brian Owler made the announcement at the AMA National Conference in Canberra today.

The Woman in Medicine Award is presented to a woman who has made a major contribution to the medical profession by showing ongoing commitment to quality care, or through her contribution to medical research, public health projects or improving the availability and accessibility of medical education and medical training for women.

“Associate Professor Egerton-Warburton is a renowned advocate for patients, the community and emergency medicine,” Professor Owler said.

“Her passion and commitment to emergency medicine research and her public health goals are reflected in her wide ranging contributions to health awareness, health policy and healthcare delivery.”

Associate Professor Egerton-Warburton is a senior staff specialist and Director of Emergency Research and Innovation at Monash Medical Centre Emergency Department and Adjunct Senior Lecturer at Monash University. She is also heavily involved with the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine (ACEM).

Professor Owler said that Associate Professor Egerton-Warburton encompasses the AMA Woman in Medicine Award wholeheartedly.

“Associate Professor Egerton-Warburton’s ongoing passion for emergency medicine, particularly in relation to public health is to be commended,” Professor Owler said.

“Associate Professor Egerton-Warburton championed the first bi-annual meeting on public health and emergency medicine in Australasia, she established ACEM’s Alcohol harm in Emergency Departments program, has developed countless resources for emergency departments to facilitate management of pandemic influenza and heatwave health, and has authored more than 30 peer reviewed publications.

“Her *just say no to the just-in-case cannula* initiative has yielded real change in practice and resulted in a significant reduction in staph infections in patients and her *Enough is Enough: Emergency Department Clinicians Action on Reducing Alcohol Harm project* developed a phone app that allows clinicians to identify hazardous drinkers and offer them a brief intervention and referral if required.

“Associate Professor Egerton-Warburton’s tireless work striving for high standards in emergency departments for patients and her unrelenting passion to improve public health in Australia make her a deserving winner of the AMA Woman in Medicine Award,” Professor Owler said.

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