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### **HealthFusion Team Challenge heads to Bangladesh**

The HealthFusion Team Challenge (HFTC) has proudly announced the launch of the first interprofessional student challenge at the [Bangladesh Health Professions Institute \(BHPI\)](#) at the Centre for Rehabilitation for the Paralyzed (CRP) in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 30 October.

HealthFusion is partnering with BHPI as a philanthropic venture to help introduce interprofessional team work to health students in Bangladesh. The event is the brain-child of HFTC Alumnus, Genna Mitchell, who participated in the University of Queensland HFTC and the Australian HFTC events as an Occupational Therapy student in 2009.

Ms Mitchell identified the opportunity to offer the program at BHPI ahead of her 8 week stint at the Centre as a volunteer occupational therapist, and worked with the HealthFusion team to make the idea a reality.

"I found the HFTC to be a great opportunity to learn about interdisciplinary practice, and thought the students in Bangladesh could also really benefit from such an opportunity" Ms Mitchell said.

"The HFTC taught me the importance of working as a team, rather than as an individual clinician. I began to realise that patients can actually receive better treatment and achieve greater outcomes when the people involved in their care work together, and include the patient as a central part of the team".

The event will see 6 teams of BHPI students from 4 disciplines including speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, nursing and occupational therapy come together for a 3 hour event where they will each present a management plan in response to a challenging case study they have been given.

Participants will then take part in team-based extension questions to test their knowledge and skills. The team that displays the greatest mastery of teamwork as judged by an expert panel will be declared the Champions.

BHPI was established in 1992 with the goal of producing highly skilled staff to work in health care provision and rehabilitation throughout Bangladesh, providing a number of nationally recognised training courses including BSc in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Diplomas, Laboratory Sciences and Radiography Diploma, Certificate in Education for Special Education and Diploma in Rehabilitation Nursing.

The BHPI HFTC will be held on Thursday 30 October, 2014 at the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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