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University of Queensland victorious for second consecutive year

The University of Queensland has taken out the title of National HealthFusion Team Challenge (Oz HFTC) today, for the second consecutive year.

Seven teams from universities and student organisations across Australia battled it out at the day-long event, hosted at the Queensland University of Technology, which featured a range of activities designed to test teams on a number of key areas.

Teams were required to present a prepared patient management package in response to a challenging clinical case study in front of a panel of expert judges, as well as answer a range of extension questions and work as a team to complete fast-paced activities.

This year, the event was based on the themes of wound care and diabetes, and centred on the fictional character, Michael, who had undergone a partial amputation of his foot after poor management of his diabetes and other complications caused an ulcer.

Teams were assessed not only their ability to address the patient and his family's needs, but to work as an interprofessional team.

When not presenting, competing teams were not afforded much down-time between interviews and poster painting as part of the event's intensive format.

First-time participants in the national event, Indigenous Allied Health Australia, came in as Runners Up, while Deakin University placed third.

Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, Western Sydney University and Monash University also fielded teams in the 2015 event.

The HFTC is the first competition of its kind in Australia and is designed to educate the next generation of health practitioners in effective teamwork and interprofessional collaboration.

This year's judging panel included Diabetes Queensland Clinical Educator, Fleur Cross; Professional Services Pharmacist for the Terry White Group, Chris Campbell and Clinical Educator in Podiatry, Prince Charles Hospital, Damien Clarke.

Those interested in fielding a team in 2016 are encouraged to visit the HFTC website www.healthfusionteamchallenge.com to register their interest.

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