



Ramsay launches new mental health study

For the first time, Ramsay Health Care has launched a groundbreaking national study to measure patient-reported outcomes in mental health.

With one in five Australians suffering from a mental health condition every year, there is a growing demand for effective and efficient mental health services.

Ramsay's new project is based on the Depression and Anxiety dataset of the International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM).

Seven of the company's Australian sites are taking part in the study:

- Albert Road Clinic (Vic)
- Hollywood Private Hospital (WA)
- The Adelaide Clinic (SA)
- New Farm Clinic (Qld)
- Northside Clinic (NSW)
- The Southport Private Hospital (Qld)
- Warners Bay Private Hospital (NSW)

The ICHOM Mental Health Project is entirely voluntary and participants must be aged 18 years or older to take part.

Patients who are involved will be asked to complete a range of surveys at required time points to document their outcomes.

The project is funded by the Ramsay Hospital Research Foundation and governed by a National Steering Committee consisting of representatives from each participating hospital.

Professor Malcolm Hopwood (MBBS, MPM, MD, FRANZCP) is the Chief Investigator and Chair of the National Steering Committee. ■■