

South Australian selected for global program in healthcare leadership 14 March 2024

The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) would like to congratulate Dr Chloe Furst for selection in the International Hospital Federation's (IHF) Young Executive Leaders program for 2024.

Selected from over 250 applications, Dr Furst will participate in the program with other candidates from 32 countries and territories, building a network with international healthcare executives.

The Young Executive Leaders program is run annually for young executives working in member organisations of the IHF. The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association is the IHF's core member in Australia, enabling members to have full access to the complete range of IHF member benefits.

'The IHF launched its Young Executive Leaders program in 2019 as a way to build competencies, increase capacity, and foster exchange among young hospital executives across the globe, and to create a voice for the next generation of international healthcare leaders. In the past 4 years, more than 135 new leaders from 36 countries have participated, including several strong contributors from Australia, and we're delighted to welcome Dr Chloe Furst amongst this year's selected candidates,' says Ronald Lavater, CEO, International Hospital Federation.

Dr Furst is a dual-trained geriatrician and palliative care physician working across both specialties within the Central Adelaide Local Health Network. She is the acting Medical Lead for the Acute and Urgent Care program at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, which includes General Medicine, Geriatrics, the Emergency Department and Trauma. She was also the Co-Head of unit for the Royal Adelaide Hospital Department of Geriatric and Rehabilitation Medicine and is the current state division president of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Geriatric Medicine.

Dr Furst has a special interest in capacity, cognitive impairment, multimorbidity, end-of-life care and the ethics around these complex issues. She has a strong commitment to the care of older adults, ensuring our hospital systems are safe for patients and doctors alike and that patients receive treatment aligned with their goals of care in the right environment.

'At AHHA, our vision is for the best possible healthcare system that supports a healthy Australia. With the challenges we face, our leaders will need strong skills and supportive networks to develop new approaches to complex problems,' says Kylie Woolcock, CEO, AHHA.

'The Young Executive Leaders program provides an opportunity for young healthcare leaders to build their network across our global community and grow their management and leadership skills by participating in a series of masterclasses, small group workshops and the annual World Hospital Congress.'

You can find more information about the IHF Young Executive Leadership program and the 2024 World Hospital Congress on the IHF website.

The online version of this <u>media release</u> can be found on the AHHA website. The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) is the independent peak membership body and advocate for the Australian healthcare system and a national voice for universally accessible, high-quality healthcare in Australia.

