MINISTER FOR HEALTH

LOCAL eHEALTH INNOVATION ACKNOWLEDGED

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The Department of Health and local company SRA Information Technology Pty Ltd have been honoured at the Northern Territory 2013 Australian Computer Society iAwards.

Presenting the innovation award, Health Minister Robyn Lambley congratulated the Department and SRA Information Technology for their successful partnership, which has increased treatment options for remote Territorians and broadened access for clinical professionals.

“The Department of Health and SRA Information Technology have been at the forefront of developing innovative technological solutions to remote health problems,” Mrs Lambley said.

“ISARS – the Internet Protocol Patient Monitor Security Access and Reporting System interface – gives remote patients access to specialist clinical professionals located hundreds of kilometres away in major centres like Darwin and Alice Springs.

“Using a secure closed circuit camera monitoring system over the internet, specialist clinicians are able to support doctors on the ground in remote settings to diagnose and treat acutely unwell patients in a culturally appropriate way.

“The ISARS interface shows a map of the Northern Territory with the location of 25 emergency cameras clearly marked.

“This enables the specialist clinician to quickly locate and activate a camera with just one click.

“The specialist clinician using the camera has a 360 degree view of the treatment room and can control the camera to zoom in and out as needed to get the best view possible.

“eHealth is the way of the future and it is a credit to both the Department of Health and SRA that they have been at the forefront of developing technologies that will assist patients for years to come.”

The Department of Health and SRA Information Technology are now in the running for the national 2013 Health iAward, competing against all State and Territory winners.

The National iAwards will be held in Melbourne on 5, 6 and 8 August.

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