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Victorian cardiac nurse — finalist in national nursing awards

A Victorian cardiac and thoracic nurse — who helped improve the management of patients with intravenous (IV) procedures — is a finalist in the 2014 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

Duncan Maughan, of Alfred Health in Melbourne, is one of five finalists in the Outstanding Graduate category. He has been recognised for his intellectual approach to clinical research and demonstrated impact on quality service and results.

Mr Maughan was involved in a practice review of IV site management among patients in the Cardiac and Thoracic Centre at the Alfred Hospital, and the development of a targeted education strategy to cover knowledge gaps and reduce infection rates.

He was proactive in raising concerns about IV site infections with the Quality and Risk Clinical Nurse Manager and encouraged a team approach to the practice review.

He was also involved in auditing practices, reviewing incident trends and exploring with the nursing group, their understanding of IV site management. The group plans to perform a follow-up audit to evaluate the success of the education strategy.

Mr Maughan and the other interstate finalists will be flown to Sydney for the awards dinner, where the winners will be announced on Thursday 8 May 2014.

A \$30,000 prize pool will be shared among the winners, courtesy of long-term HESTA awards supporter, ME Bank. The Outstanding Graduate Award winner and the Nurse of the Year will each receive a \$5,000 ME Bank *EveryDay* transaction account and a \$5,000 education grant. The Team Innovation Award winner will receive a \$10,000 development grant.

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