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University of Queensland victorious at 2014 Oz HFTC

Teamwork, fun and a bit of healthy competition were the order of the day for those competing in the National HealthFusion Team Challenge (Oz HFTC) today.

Eight teams from universities and student organisations from 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 theme "Pandemic", and centred on the fictional regional hospital, which is thrown into turmoil following the outbreak of the deadly Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS CoV).

Teams were assessed not only their ability to address patient's physical 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.

The competition title was eventually taken by HFTC veterans, but first-time Champions, Team University of Queensland, who also received the "Audience Choice" award.

Monash University placed a close Runner Up, while a HFTC debutante team from the TROHPIQ (Towards Rural and Outback Health Professionals in Queensland) student group rounded out the top-three teams.

Deakin University, Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology and The University of Western Sydney all fielded teams in the 2014 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.

Those interested in fielding a team in 2015 are encouraged to visit the HFTC website www.healthfusionteamchallenge.com to register their interest.

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