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Women's Health Queensland Wide website internationally recognised for quality

Brisbane 26 August 2011; - Women's Health Queensland Wide Inc has been granted international HONcode certification by the Geneva-based Health on the Net Foundation, recognising the quality of health information available on its website womhealth.org.au.

HONcode certification is an international standard for websites that provide information to consumers and health professionals. To achieve certification sites must adhere to a range of strict principles relating to the transparency of information provided.

Manager at Women's Health Queensland Wide, Kathy Faulkner, said that the certification provides continued assurance to women about the quality of information they are accessing.

'The internet has become a valuable resource for many women in Queensland, particularly those living in rural and remote areas, who are seeking health information. Recent reports have estimated that 80 per cent of Australians use the internet to research health issues.

'At the same time we are hearing warnings from health professionals regarding the quality of some of those online information sources. HONcode certification tells women that the information they are accessing is evidence based and is presented without an ulterior motive,' she said.

womhealth.org.au receives over 3000 hits each day and provides fact sheets, articles and videos on health topics for women of all ages such as the pill, thrush, menstruation, menopause, STDs, and postnatal depression.

The website also has an Ask a Health Question page where women can ask a nurse/midwife questions about any women's health issue.

Women's Health is a not for profit health promotion, information and education service for women and health professionals throughout Queensland.

Queensland women seeking information on their health can visit www.womhealth.org.au or call the free Health Information Line on 3839 9988 (Brisbane) or 1800 017 676 (toll free outside Brisbane).

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