2026 NADC Sophia Zoungas Quality Improvement in Diabetes Award

The National Association of Diabetes Centres (NADC) invites nominations for the 2026 NADC Sophia Zoungas Quality Improvement in Diabetes Services Award (QIDSA) from organisations that have made significant improvements to diabetes management or achieved additional funding or services, as a result of their participation and use of Australian Diabetes Clinical Quality Register (ADCQR) data as a quality improvement tool.

The Award will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the ADCQR advisory committee members in consultation with the NADC accreditation committee with the option to co-opt additional reviewers as deemed necessary.

The organisational nominees must be a financial and accredited service of the NADC and have been a member for at least 12 months at the time of their application for this award.

Two awards will be made available in the following categories

- Primary care service
- Secondary/Tertiary or Centre of Excellence

Nominations will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Innovative Use of ADCQR Data: Demonstrable significant improvement in patient outcomes (e.g., HbA1c, weight, complication rates).
- Care Innovation: Evidence that the utilisation of ADCQR data has led to measurable and quantifiable changes in diabetes care.
- Service Enhancement: Proof of how ADCQR data usage has materially improved patient services (e.g., increased staffing, more clinical sessions).
- Funding and Resource Acquisition: Illustration of how ADCQR data has facilitated a significant increase in funding, services, or staffing.
- Collaboration and Integration: Examples of how using ADCQR data has fostered collaboration with other health services or contributed to a more integrated model of care.

Those awarded the 2025 NADC Sophia Zoungas Quality Improvement in Diabetes Services Award will be announced at the Australasian Diabetes Congress meeting gala dinner, Melbourne, 20 August 2026

A 20-minute presentation from a representative of the organisation will be scheduled for the NADC symposium at the Australasian Diabetes Congress on August 2026, and/or Best Practice in Diabetes Centres meeting in 2027. Some costs for attendance to these meetings will be considered as part of the award.

All services applying for this award must first submit an **Expression of Interest (EOI)** form to provide essential preliminary information and a link to upload your application. Early submission of EOIs is encouraged for a streamlined process.

Applications close: COB 30th June 2026