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ISQua offers a unique opportunity for individuals and institutions with a common interest to share expertise via an international multidisciplinary forum. ISQua is a non-profit, independent organisation, which is supported by its members, including leading quality health care providers and agencies in over 70 countries, together with additional funds from the Irish Government.

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- **Quality health care for all**
  Promoting access for people throughout the world to safe, quality health care
- **Responsiveness**
  Understanding and meeting the needs of members and other clients and continually improving services for them
- **Innovation**
  Constantly exploring, studying and researching new concepts and opportunities
- **Achieving together**
  Collaborating for improvement through ongoing consultation, partnerships and teamwork
- **Integrity**
  Serving with an attitude of unselfish concern and acting ethically
- **Stewardship**
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ISQua’s Vision

Through providing access to objective, evidence-based and timely information to support informed decisions about health care, ISQua will continue to grow in credibility and position as the world leader in quality and safety in health care.

Improving Health care Worldwide

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- An international survey and accreditation process for the performance of accreditation and other external evaluation organisations, and
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