

Gastrointestinal endoscopy services

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Statement

Gastrointestinal endoscopy services will be provided in Queensland in accordance with the Australian National Healthcare Agreement. The associated Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Services Implementation Standard will support the delivery of safe and effective gastrointestinal endoscopy services.

1. Purpose

The Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Services Policy and supporting documents are directed at improving the quality and timeliness of gastrointestinal endoscopy services provided through Queensland public hospitals. It does not replace, but is additional to the professional self-regulation and individual accountability for clinical judgement that are an integral part of health care.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all facilities that provide Queensland Health public or private gastrointestinal endoscopy services. This includes all Queensland Health employees, volunteers, and contractors engaged in the delivery of these services.

3. Principles

- **Access:** to ensure that patients are provided with the treatment option that will result in an endoscopy as close to home as possible, by the most appropriate clinician for the level of care required;
- **Quality:** to enable and support safe, high quality delivery of gastrointestinal endoscopy services;
- **Timeliness:** to ensure that patients are provided with an endoscopy as close as possible to their clinically recommended timeframes;
- **Transparency:** to enhance accountability through openness and increased participation leading to better-informed decision making.

4. Requirements

Gastrointestinal endoscopy services in Queensland public hospitals will be managed in accordance with the corresponding Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Services Implementation Standard.

5. Legislation

- Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011
- Australian National Healthcare Agreement

6. Supporting documents

- Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Services Implementation Standard
- Elective Surgery Implementation Standard
- Specialist Outpatient Services Implementation Standard

Version Control

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V1	December 2018	