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Healthcare in Queensland

Queensland's healthcare system ranks amongst the best in the world. However, it does face significant challenges including a growing and ageing population, high rates of obesity and increasing rates of chronic conditions such as cancer, mental illnesses and diabetes.

Queensland Health is tackling these challenges by partnering with universities, medical research institutes and industry to improve the health system and its services.

Queensland Health

Queensland Health comprises the Department of Health and 16 individual Hospital and Health Services (HHSs). The Department of Health is responsible for the overall management of the Queensland public health system.

To ensure Queenslanders receive the best possible care, the Department has entered into a service agreement with each of the HHSs—independent statutory bodies, governed by their own professional Hospital and Health Board and managed by a Health Service Chief Executive—to deliver public health services in their local area.

The Department of Health's role includes, but is not limited to:

- providing strategic leadership and direction for health through the development of policies, legislation and regulations
- developing state-wide plans for health services, workforce and major capital investment
- managing major capital works for public sector health service facilities
- purchasing health services
- supporting and monitoring the quality of health service delivery
- delivering specialised health services, providing ambulance, health information and communication technology and statewide health support services.



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Our Vision

By 2026 Queenslanders will be among the healthiest people in the world.

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Health innovation

Queensland Health is pursuing innovation by investing in smart technology, research and practices that can turn new ideas into better healthcare, not just for Queenslanders, but worldwide.

Queensland Health's 10-year vision and strategy for the health system will drive this investment and move us closer to making Queenslanders among the healthiest people in the world by 2026.

The health sector can also help drive Queensland's economic growth, whilst improving patient outcomes globally.



The Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office

Queensland Health's Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office (HIIRO) aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders through a coordinated and collaborative approach to health innovation, investment and research.

HIIRO provides a strategic framework for research, investment and innovation activities to ensure Queensland Health is positioned to meet the state's current and future healthcare needs, create and maintain jobs, boost the state's economy and improve patient outcomes.



HIIRO focuses on three priority areas to strengthen Queensland's approach to health and medical research and innovation by:

Trade and investment

- harnessing and developing capabilities in Queensland's health sector, attracting investment and promoting health services and product exports, in partnership with Queensland's Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, Department of Environment and Science, and Trade and Investment Queensland
- initiating international engagement programs for Queensland's health sector which enable export and investment activities.

Research

- managing research grants and fellowships that leverage co-investment and build individual and institutional capacity to address priority health issues for Queenslanders
- promoting the translation of research into improved practice and technologies at scale, including through clinical trials and commercialisation.

Clinical trials, research ethics and governance

- providing a central point of contact for researchers, research managers and study sponsors seeking advice and direction on ethical and governance issues associated with research and clinical trials
- managing a robust research ethics and governance framework that ensures patient safety, while streamlining administrative and regulatory burdens.

Partner with us

Queensland Health, through the Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office, is looking for opportunities to collaborate with government agencies, entrepreneurs, industry and research institutions to expand our vibrant health sector to improve the wellbeing and healthcare of Queenslanders.

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