

## Minimum patient throughput standard (version 5)

### STANDARD

- Patient throughput at each health facility providing prescribed health services must be at a level sufficient to maintain the clinical skills of the staff providing the health service.
- In this Standard, prescribed health services<sup>1</sup> are:
  - Cardiac Catheterisation;
  - Cardiac Surgery; and
  - Obstetrics.

### This Standard is not satisfied unless:

- The minimum number of patients who receive prescribed health services are as follows:
  - Cardiac Catheterisation:
    - i. 500 diagnostic cardiac procedures per year.
    - ii. 200 Percutaneous Cardiac Intervention (PCI) cardiac procedures per year.
  - Cardiac Surgery:
    - i. 200 procedures per year.
  - Obstetrics:
    - i. 240 births per obstetric facility per year.
- If the minimum numbers specified above are not met, a formal affiliation exists with an appropriate health service in accordance with the Queensland Health Clinical Services Capability Framework for Public and Licensed Private Health Facilities to ensure staff maintain skill levels.

### References:

- The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand Practice Guidelines.
- American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association/American College of Physicians Task Force, Update of the Clinical Competence Statement on Coronary Artery Interventional Procedures, 2013.
- Shearman Report (1989), The Ministerial Task Force on Obstetric Services in NSW.

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<sup>1</sup> Health services to which this Standard applies must be prescribed by regulation under section 12(2)(g) of the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999*.