

Statewide Bariatric Service

1. Statement

Queensland Health is committed to providing timely, equitable and quality care for patients within a fiscally responsible environment. A growing body of international evidence shows that bariatric surgery is both a clinically effective treatment option and a cost-effective treatment for selected patients with both type 2 diabetes and obesity. This policy clearly defines patient suitability guidelines and access criteria to enable consistency in care and equitable access to services for bariatric surgery.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- support equitable access to bariatric surgery
- enable consistency in the scope of bariatric surgery services provided within public hospitals
- support quality, evidence-based care
- support fiscally responsible care.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all employees, contractors and consultants within the Department of Health divisions and business units, Hospital and Health Services and commercialised business units involved directly or indirectly in the provision of care.

4. Principles

- **Equity** – services provided and supported within Queensland Health facilities are consistent
- **Clarity** – access criteria are clearly defined to support equitable provision of services
- **Timely** – services are provided in a timely manner
- **Quality** – care is patient-centred and based on best-practice
- **Fiscally responsible** – services are prioritised to ensure resources are allocated to patients that will receive the greatest health benefit

5. Requirements

Bariatric surgery in Queensland public hospitals will be managed in accordance with the corresponding *Statewide Bariatric Service Implementation Standard*.

6. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander considerations

Queensland public hospital services and staff recognise and commit to the respect, understanding and application of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural values, principles, differences and needs when caring for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander patients.

Every individual Hospital and Health Service is responsible for achieving successful provision of culturally appropriate services to and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and their communities within their respective catchment.

Equally, the respect and acknowledgement extended to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be extended to all participants, irrespective of ethnic background or membership of community groups.

7. Legislation

- *Hospital and Health Service Board Act 2011*

8. Supporting documents

8.1 Authorising standard

- Statewide Bariatric Service Standard

8.2 Procedures, guidelines and protocols

- Clinical Prioritisation Criteria (CPC)
- Specialist Outpatient Services Implementation Standard (SOSIS)
- Elective Surgery Services Implementation Standard (ESSIS)

Version Control

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1.0	10/11/2020	New policy