

# Summary of allied health service delivery models

Below is a summary of initiatives that have been successfully implemented in organisations around Australia and overseas. Allied health professionals can consider using these to expand their scope of practice and improve health services. Tasks requiring extended scope are indicated under the 'extended' column while those delegating non-core tasks to the allied health support workforce are indicated under the 'delegated column'.

More detail is provided for each of these initiatives in [Appendix A](#) of the [Ministerial Taskforce on health practitioner expanded scope of practice: final report](#).

\* Extended scope tasks may require legislative or policy change before changes can be implemented in Queensland Health.

## Acute

No.	Initiative	Goal/priority	Delegated	Extended
1.	Allied health acute medical clinical leader	Improve patient flow.		
2.	Dietitians and speech pathologist in stroke management	Improve patient flow.		✓
3.	Fibreoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing clinics	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
4.	Initial dysphagia screening by speech pathology assistants	Improve patient flow.	✓	
5.	Malnutrition screening by nutrition assistants	Improve patient flow.	✓	
6.	Nutrition assistant in rural setting	Improve patient flow.	✓	
7.	Occupational therapy allied health assistant on the acute medical ward	Improve patient flow.	✓	
8.	Pharmacist in the operating suite	Improve patient flow.		✓
9.	Pharmacist initiated e-Script transcription project	Improve patient flow.		
10.	Pharmacist-led lipid clinic	Reduce outpatient		✓

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		department waiting time.		
11.	Pharmacy checking technicians	Improve patient flow.	✓	✓ *
12.	Pharmacy support staff	Improve patient flow.	✓	
13.	Placement of feeding tubes by dietitians	Improve patient flow.		✓
14.	Podiatric high-risk foot coordinator	Improve patient flow.		
15.	Social work assistant role	Improve patient flow.	✓	
16.	Speech pathology tracheostomy suctioning	Improve patient flow.		✓
17.	Tracheostomy weaning and decannulation by physiotherapists, speech pathologists and nurses	Improve patient flow.		
18.	Transdisciplinary screening and intervention in nutrition, cognition, communication and swallowing	Improve patient flow.		✓
19.	Warfarin dosing by pharmacists	Improve patient flow.		✓

## Cancer care

	Initiative	Goal/priority	Delegated	Extended
20.	Allied Health Radiation Oncology Centre	Improve patient flow.		✓
21.	Breast practitioner	Improve patient flow.		✓
22.	Radiation therapists in breast and urological cancer treatment	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
23.	Imaging practitioner	Improve patient flow.		✓
24.	Radiation therapist in planning target volume delineation of patients with prostate cancer	Improve patient flow.		✓
25.	Radiation therapist in the Radiation Oncology Mater Centre	Improve patient flow.		✓
26.	Speech pathology telehealth service for head and neck cancer patient support	Improve health services for regional, rural and remote communities.		

## Diagnostic services

Initiative		Goal/priority	Delegated	Extended
27.	Musculoskeletal examinations by sonographers	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
28.	CT examinations by nuclear medicine technologists	Improve patient flow.		✓
29.	Radiographer role extension	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.	✓	✓
30.	Sonographers performing hysterosalpingo-contrast ultrasound procedures	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
31.	Sonographers performing transrectal ultrasound and biopsy	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
32.	Allied health in the emergency department	Improve patient flow. National Emergency Access Target (NEAT).		✓
33.	Allied health rural generalist clinical leader in the emergency department	NEAT. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
34.	Physiotherapy in the emergency department	NEAT.		✓
35.	Primary contact musculoskeletal physiotherapists in the emergency department	NEAT.		✓
36.	Radiographer abnormality description worksheet	Improve patient flow. NEAT.		
37.	Radiographer image interpretation of plain radiographs at the point-of-care in the trauma setting	Improve patient flow. NEAT.		
38.	Soft tissue injury management by physiotherapists in emergency department	Improve patient flow. NEAT.		

## Outpatients

Initiative		Goal/priority	Delegated	Extended
39.	Advanced practice physiotherapy for musculoskeletal disorders	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient		✓ *

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		department waiting time.		
40.	Allied health in pain management	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
41.	Allied health-led vestibular screening clinic	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
42.	Allied health practitioner Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) services	Reduce outpatient department waiting time. Provide better healthcare to children.		✓
43.	Physiotherapist assessment of spinal pain using Telehealth	Improve patient flow. Improve health services for regional, rural and remote communities.		
44.	Audiologist-led triage clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
45.	Audiology-led direct referrals for asymmetrical hearing loss	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓ *
46.	Audiology assessment prior to ENT triage	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
47.	Audiology review post-grommets	Reduce outpatient department waiting time. Provide better healthcare to children.		✓
48.	Cardiology outpatient department test referral triage	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
49.	Clinical specialist radiation therapist sustainability project	Improve patient flow.		✓
50.	Congenital talipes equinovarus and developmental dysplasia of the hip management by physiotherapist	Reduce outpatient department waiting time. Provide better healthcare to children.		✓

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51.	Credentialed diabetes educators	Improve patient flow. Reduce patient waiting times.		✓
52.	Dietitian as first contact in gastroenterology clinics	Improve patient flow Reduce patient waiting times.		✓
53.	Dietitian in adult gastroenterology clinic	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
54.	Dietitian in renal clinic	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
55.	Dietitian management of outpatient enteral feeding	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
56.	Direct listing for total hip replacement by primary care physiotherapists	Improve patient flow.		✓ *
57.	Dose adjustment for normal eating by dietitians	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
58.	ENT audiology component	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
59.	Optometrist in diabetes care	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
60.	Community forensic mental health outreach service	Support recovery from mental illness.		
61.	General paediatrics allied health screening service	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
62.	Occupational therapy-led hand therapy clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
63.	Integrated employment program in mental health	Support recovery from mental illness.		
64.	Interprofessional eye clinic	Improve patient flow.		

Initiative		Goal/priority	Delegated	Extended
		Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
65.	Lymphoedema therapy services	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
66.	Multidisciplinary high-risk foot team	Improve patient flow.		
67.	Multidisciplinary paediatric urinary incontinence clinic	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
68.	Multidisciplinary referral pathway for female urinary incontinence	Improve patient flow.		
69.	Multidisciplinary triage model in persistent pain service	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
70.	Musculoskeletal interface service	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
71.	Physiotherapy musculoskeletal pathway with prescribing	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓ *
72.	Multidisciplinary musculoskeletal triage	Improve patient flow.		✓
73.	Neurosurgical physiotherapy post-operative review clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
74.	Neurosurgery outpatient screening clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
75.	Neurosurgical physiotherapy screening clinics	Improve patient flow.		
76.	Non-medical prescribing	Improve patient flow.		✓ *
77.	Arthroplasty management by physiotherapists	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
78.	Occupational therapist in hand clinic	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
79.	Occupational therapy vascular clinic	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient		✓

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		department waiting time.		
80.	Orthopaedic physiotherapy screening clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
81.	Physiotherapy orthopaedic screening clinics	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
82.	Physiotherapy orthopaedic outpatient screening clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
83.	Orthopaedic podiatry triage clinic	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
84.	Physiotherapy-led osteoarthritis hip and knee services	Improve patient flow.		
85.	Osteoarthritis hip and knee physiotherapy service	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
86.	Multidisciplinary triage in persistent pain management service	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
87.	Pharmacist anticoagulant dosing service	Improve patient flow.		✓ *
88.	Pharmacist prescribing in an HIV clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
89.	Pharmacy-led pain management clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
90.	Pharmacy-run anticoagulation clinics	Improve patient flow.		✓ *
91.	Phenol block and botox injections by physiotherapists	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
92.	Phosphate binder adjustment by dietitians	Improve patient flow.		
93.	Physiotherapist-led ankylosing spondylitis clinic	Improve patient flow.		✓
94.	Physiotherapist-led shoulder clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
95.	Physiotherapist musculoskeletal screening clinic	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
96.	Physiotherapist neurosurgery screening and post-operative review clinics	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		

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97.	Physiotherapy-led neurosurgery spinal pain triage	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
98.	Physiotherapy for female stress urinary incontinence	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
99.	Physiotherapy in fracture clinic	Improve patient flow.		✓
100.	Physiotherapy in orthopaedic clinic	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
101.	Physiotherapy in orthopaedic outpatient clinic	Improve patient flow.		✓ *
102.	Physiotherapy joint arthroplasty review	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
103.	Physiotherapy orthopaedic triage	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
104.	Physiotherapy telephone orthopaedic triage	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓
105.	Podiatrist-led musculoskeletal clinic	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
106.	Psychologist as first contact for general paediatric referrals	Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		
107.	Rural generalist allied health practitioner	Improve patient flow.		✓
108.	Self-referral for musculoskeletal physiotherapy	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		*
109.	Speech and language-led clinics for endoscopic examination of the larynx	Improve patient flow.		✓ *
110.	Orthoptic management of chronic eye conditions	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time.		✓

## Pre-admission clinic

Initiative		Goal/priority	Delegated	Extended
111.	Pharmacist prescriber in an elective surgery	Improve patient flow.		✓ *



Initiative		Goal/priority	Delegated	Extended
	pre-admission clinic	National Elective Surgery Target (NEST).		

## Sub-acute

Initiative		Goal/priority	Delegated	Extended
112.	Indigenous health worker in Deadly Ears program	Improve patient flow. Reduce outpatient department waiting time. Improve health services for regional, rural and remote communities.		
113.	Primary care-based child clinical psychology service	Improve patient flow. Provide better healthcare to children.		
114.	Allied health in aged care	Improve patient flow. Effective sub-acute care.	✓	✓
115.	Allied health in transition care program	Improve patient flow. Effective sub-acute care.		✓
116.	Allied health-led inpatient rehabilitation	Improve patient flow. Effective sub-acute care.		✓
117.	Pharmacy-generated medication chart for discharge to residential care	Effective sub-acute care.		