

# Clinical Governance

Allied Health Clinical Governance Framework



The objective of the allied health clinical governance framework is to provide clear policies, processes and accountabilities for all allied health professionals and their managers to ensure improved patient safety and the quality, effectiveness and dependability of allied health services within Queensland Health.

## The intent of the allied health clinical governance framework

Queensland Health will have an allied health clinical governance framework to ensure allied health professionals have a systematic approach to delivering quality clinical care.

The Allied Health Clinical Governance Framework is subordinate to, and intended to be fully compliant with, the Queensland Health Clinical Governance Policy and associated implementation standards. The intent of this framework is to provide support to enable allied health professionals to fully engage in clinical governance.

The intent is not to duplicate systems but increase allied health professionals' knowledge of existing clinical governance systems and facilitate access to these systems. The framework recognises that allied health professionals provide high quality care and aims to capture this excellence through consistent internal systems and support.

The framework is also intended to provide the public with guarantees about standards of clinical care provided by allied health professionals and will apply to all allied health professionals who provide services or see patients in Queensland Health facilities. It is not a finite entity and allows for elements to be added as the work environment changes.

The framework acknowledges that allied health professionals have the leadership skills to drive the quality and safety agenda at all levels of the organisation and should be supported and developed to engage actively in clinical governance.

The framework will assign accountability to all levels of the organisation including allied health professionals, their managers and the Allied Health Workforce Advice and Coordination Unit.

## Components of the Allied Health Clinical Governance Framework

There are three components to the framework:

- **Criteria for employment of allied health professionals to provide safe and quality services.** This component examines the requirements for both registered and non-registered professionals working within Queensland Health.
- **Credentialing and defining scope of clinical practice for allied health professionals.** The framework outlines the principles of these processes as they will apply to allied health professionals working in Queensland Health facilities.
- **Supporting clinical effectiveness for allied health professionals.** This is achieved through defining standards of care and continuously reviewing clinical practice against these standards using a patient/consumer focus.

## What resources are available to implement the Clinical Governance Framework?

The *Allied Health Clinical Governance Framework* and other related documents can be found at: [http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/ahwac/content/clin\\_govhome.htm](http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/ahwac/content/clin_govhome.htm)

Or by contacting the Allied Health Workforce Advice and Coordination Unit via email: [allied\\_health\\_advisory@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:allied_health_advisory@health.qld.gov.au), phone: 07 3234 1386.