

Form A2: Specialised Services Indicators

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Reporting Requirements

The Department conducts an annual survey of specialised services in hospitals in order to provide information to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Return of Forms

The AIMS OnLine Entry System will display the specialised services information previously submitted to the Department. Agencies should review the services recorded and modify as necessary. If there have been no changes to the services, please tick the 'Completed' box to indicate that details have been checked and the return is complete.

Specialised services information should be updated whenever a change occurs.

Definitions

Obstetric/Maternity Services

A specialised facility dedicated to the care of obstetric / maternity patients.

Specialist Paediatric Services

A specialised facility dedicated to the care of children aged 14 or less.

Psychiatric Unit/Ward

A specialised unit / ward dedicated to the treatment and care of admitted patients with psychiatric, mental, or behavioural disorders.

Intensive Care Unit (Level 3)

A specialised facility dedicated to the care of paediatric and adult patients requiring intensive care and sophisticated technological support services.

Hospice Care Unit

A facility dedicated to the provision of palliative care to terminally ill patients.

Nursing Home Care Unit

A facility dedicated to the provision of nursing home care.

Geriatric Assessment Unit

Facilities dedicated to the Commonwealth-approved assessment of the level of dependency of (usually) aged individuals either for purposes of initial admission to a long-stay institution or for purposes of reassessment of dependency levels of existing long-stay institution residents.

Domiciliary Care Service

A facility/service dedicated to the provision of nursing or other professional paramedical care or treatment and non-qualified domestic assistance to patients in their own homes or in residential institutions not part of the establishment.

Alcohol and Drug Unit

A facility/service dedicated to the treatment of alcohol and drug dependence.

Acute Spinal Cord Injury Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to the initial treatment and subsequent ongoing management and rehabilitation of patients with acute spinal cord injury, largely conforming to Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council guidelines for service provision.

Coronary Care Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to acute care services for patients with cardiac diseases.

Cardiac Surgery Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to operative and peri-operative care of patients with cardiac disease.

Acute Renal Dialysis Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to dialysis of renal failure patients requiring acute care.

Maintenance Renal Dialysis Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to maintenance dialysis of renal failure patients. It may be a separate facility (possibly located on hospital grounds) or known as a satellite centre or a hospital-based facility but is not a facility solely providing training services.

Burns Unit (Level 3)

A specialised facility dedicated to the initial treatment and subsequent rehabilitation of the severely injured burns patient (usually >10 per cent of patients body surface affected).

Major Plastic/Reconstructive Surgery Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to general purpose plastic and specialised reconstructive surgery, including maxillofacial, microsurgery and hand surgery.

Oncology (Cancer Treatment) Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to multidisciplinary investigation, management, rehabilitation and support services for cancer patients. Treatment services include surgery, chemotherapy and radiation.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (Level 3)

A specialised facility dedicated to the care of neonates requiring care and sophisticated technological support. Patients usually require intensive cardiorespiratory monitoring, sustained assistance ventilation, long-term oxygen administration and parenteral nutrition.

In-Vitro Fertilisation Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to the investigation of infertility provision of in-vitro fertilisation services.

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Comprehensive Epilepsy Centre

A specialised facility dedicated to seizure characterisation, evaluation of therapeutic regimes, pre-surgical evaluation and epilepsy surgery for patients with refractory epilepsy.

Transplantation Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to organ retrieval, transplantation and ongoing care of the transplant recipient.

- bone marrow
- renal
- heart, including heart-lung
- liver
- pancreas

Clinic Genetics Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to diagnostic and counselling services for clients who are affected by, at risk of or anxious about genetic disorders.

Sleep Centre

A specialised facility linked to a sleep laboratory dedicated to the investigation and management of sleep disorders.

Neurosurgical Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to the surgical treatment of neurological conditions.

Infectious Diseases Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to the treatment of infectious diseases.

AIDS Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to the treatment of AIDS patients.

Diabetes Unit

A specialised facility dedicated to the treatment of diabetics.

Rehabilitation Unit

Dedicated units within recognised hospitals that provide post-acute rehabilitation and are designed as such by the State health authorities.