Admitted patients waiting for rehabilitation, GEM or restorative care
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Reporting requirements

Currently the Department of Health determines the number of patients eligible and waiting for a Residential Aged Care or Transition Care Program place, and the length of time they are waiting, through linkage of the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED) and Aged Care Assessment service data. A policy requirement exists for the number of acute admitted patients waiting for a sub-acute bed (i) in the same health service (ii) in another health service. This information is not currently collected in the VAED nor can it be derived by linkage. New data items are part of the HealthCollect Redevelopment Project in order to capture this information in future.

The Sub Acute Consortia has undertaken a Sub Acute and Residential Aged Care Access Indicators Project, auspiced by Alfred Health, where participating Health Services are involved in the collecting and reporting data for nine potential indicators. The project was to cease collecting data from the end of June 2009, with a final report to be released in August 2009. Participating health services were concerned that the value of the project would be lost with the project winding up so Sub-acute services agreed to continue collecting and reporting on these indicators. Two of the indicators currently collected manually by each health service are to be collected using this form:

- Number of acute admitted patients waiting for sub acute bed within Health Service
- Number of acute admitted patients waiting for sub acute bed in other Health Service

This information will now be reported on ‘Admitted patients waiting for a rehabilitation, GEM or restorative care bed’ form via HealthCollect.

This form is to be reported by metropolitan and regional public hospitals with overnight acute beds.
Definitions

Patients waiting
The definition of waiting is that the patient is ready to be transferred meaning:

- the patient is medically stable,
- has had all required assessments and paperwork completed including transfer preparations, and
- is on the waiting list for a sub-acute bed.

Note: If the patient is wait listed at more than one HS, only the preferred option should be counted.

New – means admitted patients that were not waiting for rehabilitation, GEM or restorative care bed on the last Wednesday of the previous month.

Existing – means admitted patients that were waiting for rehabilitation, GEM or restorative care bed on the last Wednesday of the previous month.

Patient count
Patient count is to be taken at 2:00pm (mid-shift) on the last Wednesday of the month.

Acute services—overnight beds
Beds immediately available for acute medical and surgical admitted patient services. For further information, see reporting requirements for Form A3: Hospital Beds—Public.

Rehabilitation beds
Rehabilitation is care in which the clinical intent or treatment goal is to optimise the function, independence and quality of life of a patient with a loss of functional ability, either congenital or acquired. It includes care provided in a designated rehabilitation unit or in a designated rehabilitation program.

Geriatric evaluation and management services (GEM) beds
Geriatric evaluation and management (GEM) is care of chronic or multidimensional presenting conditions associated with ageing, cognitive dysfunction, chronic illness or loss of functional ability. Geriatric evaluation and management includes care provided in a GEM unit or in a designated GEM program.

Restorative Care beds
Beds dedicated for providing slow stream rehabilitation for older patients or patients with complex care needs. Patients must have completed their acute episode of care and who require long intensity therapy to return to their previous place of residence or to be supported into long-term care.
**Return of forms**

Hospitals are to submit data to the department via the HealthCollect website by the 15th day following the end of each month. Months must be submitted in sequence.

A tick in the *Completed* box indicates the form is complete with all validation rules satisfied and appropriate approvals for release obtained. Failure to tick this field has a two-fold effect:

- the agency’s return is deemed non-compliant and is reported as such
- secondly the data entered on the form is not included in any data extract or activity reports.

Before entering a new month, please check the prior month is correct and the *Completed* box is ticked.