

# December Newsletter

Updates on implementation, toolkits and resources.

## Latest news

The start of the Safer Systems – Saving Lives implementation is rapidly approaching and the key issues of funding and revision of the toolkits are being addressed.

Orientation for the participating hospitals has finished. The project team gave presentations throughout Australia, with over 250 people attending from more than 50 organisations. The sessions provided a forum for the introduction of the six interventions and toolkits that are the foundation of the project.

## Orientation Session Evaluation One of our favourite responses . . .

*Question:*

*What parts of the orientation did you find most beneficial?*

*Answer:*

*“The parts that were aligned with my prejudices.”*

*Anonymous attendee*

Feedback and insights gained during orientation highlighted aspects of the toolkits that needed revision. At present, expert panels have been engaged to consult on the care components and measures for each intervention. The members were nominated by the jurisdictions and include many experienced and respected specialists from areas such as pharmacy, cardiology, intensive care and infection control.

## FAQs

*Are the toolkits on the website the versions to be used during implementation?*

At the moment, the toolkits available on the website are the same versions distributed during orientation. The versions for use during implementation will be available by the end of the year and the project team will notify all participating hospitals as soon as they become available.

*Who should I contact to find out when funding will be distributed?*

The State government departments are distributing the funding and queries should be referred to the jurisdictional representative (refer to diagram 1).

*Will the SSSL logo be available for use by participating hospitals?*

A CD containing the project logo, templates and other style resources is being forwarded to the nominated key contact at each participating site and is also available by request from the project office.

*I am unable to download the project materials, is there any other way to obtain them?*

Contact the project team and request a CD or, if appropriate, you may be able to obtain hard copies of the required material.

*I have an excellent intervention tool. Who should I contact to discuss if it is useful to the project?*

Participants should contact the SSSL project team if they would like to submit suggestions, resources or tools.

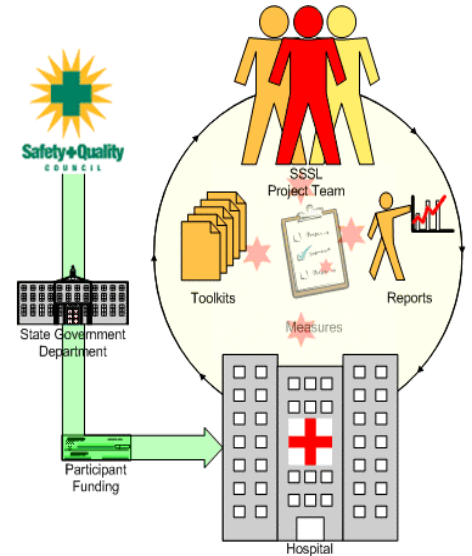


Diagram 1  
Safer Systems – Saving Lives: Overview

*When are the participating hospitals expected to begin implementation?*

Successful implementation is dependent on:

1. funding
2. acceptance and support of the toolkits.

Until these two important issues have been resolved the project will not commence implementation, now scheduled for early 2006.

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