



Elective Orthopaedic Pathways Response

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Issues identified

Pathway G (EH Acute → SACS)

- PAC = break in continuity of care
- Practice was to not waitlist in SACS through SPOE until patients were discharged from Acute



EH response – to enhance Pathway G

- Acute PT from Box Hill Hospital + Maroondah Hospital / EH SACS PT met early 2009
- Agreed on procedure for referring THR or TKR directly into SACS upon Acute discharge from BHH or Maroondah Hospital.
- Allocated SACS PT EFT to be available to pick up patients as required.



EH response – to enhance pathway G

- Trial May – August 2009
- Total 23 patients referred from EH Acute to EH SACS
Results: No PAC used = continuity of care
- Average Response Time = 1-2 working day as opposed to 2-3 weeks pre-trial



Where to Now?

- Continue with trial EH Acute → EH SACS
- Target Pathway J (Inpatient Subacute → SACS)
- Consideration of Get Fit For Surgery Model



Get Fit For Surgery Model

- Target patients on elective surgical waitlist for THR and TKR
- Fixed term group model involving exercise + education

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Questions?

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