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### Perioperative care

Perioperative care is the care given to consumers before, during, and after a surgical procedure.

### Perioperative service capability framework

The Perioperative service capability framework explains the basic requirements for Victorian health services to be able to provide safe, high quality perioperative care.

It sets out the staff skills, equipment and organisational capacity required for consumers to receive the right care and support relating to their surgery.

This framework will help hospitals, and the Department of Health better understand surgical activity across the system

### The importance of the Perioperative service capability framework for consumers

The Perioperative service capability framework will help guide your understanding of what perioperative care and services are available in hospitals across the state.

As a consumer, this framework ensures that you receive perioperative care at the right time and in the right place based on your specific needs. This includes not only the surgery you require, but any additional health, cultural or individual needs you may have.

### Locations for surgery

The Perioperative service capability framework categorises health service campuses into six levels, ranging from Level 1, performing simple procedures to Level 6, where the most complex surgical procedures are performed. As a result, the choice of hospital for your surgery will be based on the complexity of your surgical needs.

If you have multiple health concerns that may make your care more difficult, you may need to attend a site that is more suited to your needs, rather than the hospital closest to your home.

### Above level procedures

The perioperative capability level indicates the minimum capability level across all subspecialties/perioperative service streams that a health service site delivers.

Each hospital offers a unique set of services and some have specialist clinicians, expertise and equipment to safely provide certain procedures that are above their agreed capability level. Safer Care Victoria has assessed the provision of these procedures. For more information on specific above-level procedures, please contact the relevant health service.

### Further information

More information about the Perioperative Capability Framework, including specific requirements for each capability level, is available on the Department of Health website.

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