



EASTERN HEALTH 2022 THE STRATEGIC CLINICAL SERVICE PLAN 2012–22

CONTINUING CARE PROGRAM

Below are just a few highlights of *Eastern Health 2022* for the Continuing Care Program:

- ▶ Expanding services overall in geriatric evaluation and management (GEM), palliative care and rehabilitation to meet the current and future needs of the community
- ▶ Developing innovative models of care that fully integrate GEM (aged care) principles within all services where older people are concerned. Consistent with this, we will be introducing new, inpatient bed-based GEM services at Maroondah Hospital and substantially expanding services at Angliss Hospital
- ▶ Introducing new, inpatient bed-based palliative care and rehabilitation services at Box Hill Hospital
- ▶ Increasing services provided in community settings, with the focus of inpatient services to be on more complex patients
- ▶ Leading a whole-of-health service approach to the assessment of “frailty” as a key determinant of patient care and welfare

- ▶ Collaborating with general medicine services to provide mobile assessment treatment services to older people within the community. This helps prevent unnecessary admission and presentation to emergency departments, supports general practitioners, improves patient safety and enhances patient experience
- ▶ In-depth analysis of residential care services provided by Eastern Health to determine the projected capacity requirements for a comprehensive service to meet the needs of Eastern Health clients
- ▶ Actively supporting the choice of terminally-ill patients in terms of where they would prefer to die, including in their own homes
- ▶ Introducing the *Liverpool Care Pathway* (and end of life care pathway) to all inpatient services and local residential aged care facilities to enhance the quality of end of life care
- ▶ Expanding the links between rehabilitation services, neurology and orthopaedics, including a comprehensive acute and rehabilitation stroke unit, early supported discharge for stroke patients and a “fast-track” orthopaedic rehabilitation unit
- ▶ Implementing innovative models of care for rehabilitation that are consistent between sites and specialised programs

