



EASTERN HEALTH 2022

THE STRATEGIC CLINICAL SERVICE PLAN 2012–22

SPECIALTY MEDICINE PROGRAM

Below are just a few highlights of *Eastern Health 2022* for the Specialty Medicine Program:

- ▶ Expanding services in cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, endoscopy, infectious diseases, neurology, oncology, renal medicine and respiratory medicine to meet the current and future needs of the community
- ▶ Expanding specialist cardiology inpatient capacity at Maroondah and Angliss hospitals, and expanding non-invasive cardiac testing services throughout Eastern Health
- ▶ Creating a simple referral system for general practitioners to refer patients to Eastern Health without delay. This includes centralised triage, rapid access clinics and nurse-led pre-clinic education and assessment
- ▶ Expanding outpatient services for diabetes and endocrine disorders in collaboration with our community partners
- ▶ Establishing Eastern Health-wide cancer streams with accessibility to the full suite of services available to all patients through a single, integrated system
 - Box Hill Hospital will be the primary site for haematological, colorectal, upper gastrointestinal, head and neck, central nervous system, melanoma, lung, bone and soft tissue, thyroid and endocrine, and all complex streams of cancer

- Maroondah Hospital will be the primary site for breast, genitourinary and gynaecological streams of cancer
- ▶ Developing an Eastern Health-wide neurology service, with emergency management of time-critical interventions for stroke (such as thrombolysis) and early intervention managed consistently across Eastern Health. Inpatient bed-based stroke services will be located at Box Hill Hospital with a smaller stroke unit located at Maroondah Hospital
- ▶ Increasing the proportion of patients who receive maintenance dialysis at home, building and sustaining a nocturnal dialysis program and renal dialysis services at Healesville & District Hospital
- ▶ Establishing capacity at Box Hill and Maroondah hospitals for non-invasive ventilation of inpatients outside of intensive care or the emergency department
- ▶ Expanding sleep study and continuous positive airways pressure services utilising hospital and home-based facilities
- ▶ Establishing an Eastern Health centre for rheumatology and enhancing inpatient consultative services to all sites
- ▶ Exploring the establishment of inpatient-based services for patients with eczema and other chronic skin conditions
- ▶ Consolidate the infectious disease service as an Eastern Health-wide speciality, providing consultation and educative support across other clinical areas and characterised by responsive input that goes beyond the traditional model of inter-unit consultation. Allocate inpatient beds for infectious disease-specific patients who require specialist management by infectious disease clinicians

