



EASTERN HEALTH 2022

THE STRATEGIC CLINICAL SERVICE PLAN 2012–22

SURGERY PROGRAM

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

- ▶ Expanding services overall in breast and endocrine, colorectal, ear, nose and throat, general, orthopaedic, plastic, thoracic, UGIS, urology and vascular surgery to meet the current and future needs of the community
- ▶ Exploring the development of an ophthalmology service for Eastern Health
- ▶ Expanding surgical services for children, particularly in general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, ear, nose and throat and ophthalmology
- ▶ Implementing the *Surgery 2015 Project* to ensure all patients requiring surgery have access to our theatres within clinically recommended times and to maximise patient experience and outcomes. We are doing this by reviewing, redesigning and aligning the way surgical patients are cared for in specialist clinics, pre-admission clinics, emergency departments, theatres, wards and in the community
- ▶ Progressing the establishment of Eastern Health centres for surgery
 - Located at Maroondah Hospital will be Eastern Health centres for surgery in breast and endocrine, general surgery and ear, nose and throat. There will also be surgical capacity in orthopaedics and plastics, urology and endoscopy procedures
 - Located at Box Hill Hospital will be Eastern Health centres for surgery in colorectal, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, plastics, thoracic, upper gastro-intestinal, urology and vascular surgery. There will also be surgical capacity in general surgery, gynaecology and endoscopy procedures
 - At Angliss Hospital there will be surgical capacity in general surgery, orthopaedics, urology, gynaecology and endoscopy procedures. The Eastern Health centre for pain management will also be considered for this site

- At Yarra Ranges Health there will be surgical capacity in low complexity same-day general surgery, ophthalmology and urology, gynaecology and endoscopy procedures
- At Healesville & District Hospital there will be a surgical capacity in low-complexity general surgery, gynaecology and endoscopy procedures
- ▶ Considering an Eastern Health-wide approach to 24-hour emergency surgery for people in the east that is safe, effective, efficient and sustainable
- ▶ Exploring the establishment of sub-specialty surgical services in particular streams
- ▶ Expanding bariatric surgery services at Eastern Health and leading the work to develop a comprehensive, sustainable, multi-disciplinary “obesity service” for communities in the east
- ▶ Enhancing and promoting the general surgery service as one that explores, implements and evaluates new models of care to further build the evidence base for effective surgery and make Eastern Health a place that doctors want to work to become “excellent” general surgeons
- ▶ Establishing standardised care pathways for common patient presentations that are based on evidence and apply these at all our sites
- ▶ Exploring funding mechanisms through which the *Enhanced Recovery after Surgery Project* can be implemented across Eastern Health
- ▶ Utilising the skill and expertise of nursing and allied health practitioners to co-ordinate care pre and post-operatively and in other areas of surgical service support
- ▶ Establishing specialist consultation services in facio-maxillary surgery to support patients seen in our busy emergency departments
- ▶ Exploring the establishment of a head and neck surgery service in collaboration with other health services
- ▶ Continuing to consolidate and co-ordinate all elective surgical waiting lists across Eastern Health

