

Day Hospitals: leading the recovery post COVID-19

Day hospitals play a major role in health care delivery in Australia, with 357 private stand-alone facilities providing quality, cost-effective surgical, diagnostic and medical care to thousands of patients each year.

The specialised nature of Day Hospitals has led to:

- better outcomes for patients
- reduced length of stay
- reduced costs
- increased efficiency and high level of competency, due to specialisation
- higher quality of care
- increased patient satisfaction
- benefits to staff and clinicians
- minimal complications and minimal infections

Day hospitals are now moving towards performing more advanced procedures for patients, including joint replacements and laparoscopic surgeries and provide cost effective, high quality care with minimal complication rates, specialist staff and a lower risk of infection.

With the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, day hospitals maintained their commitment to serve the needs of Australians by agreeing to provide overflow for local hospitals, quarantine facilities, staff expertise, medical equipment and resources to aid in the crisis as required.

Now that restrictions have been lifted and we are seeing a phased return to elective surgery, day hospitals across Australia remain open and willing to assist with surgeries and medical procedures, while following national guidelines and ensuring patient and staff safety.

The majority of day hospitals have contracts with a range of private health insurers and are able and willing to perform procedures as required. The [Day Hospitals Australia website](#) lists our member day hospitals by state.

Consumers can call our member hospitals to enquire about their services and the specialist doctors who work there. The hospital can also provide expert advice about cover available from health insurance funds for the patient's specific procedure.

Day Hospitals Australia represents over 206 day hospitals across Australia and has responded to the demands of this growing sector. Day Hospitals Australia is recognised as the peak industry body and works to strengthen and support the day hospital sector through promotion, advocacy and representation.

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Procedures performed in day hospitals

Within the current private stand-alone day hospital sector the types of services that are delivered include:

- Cardiac Catheterisation
- Cosmetic Surgery
- Dental
- Dermatology
- Dialysis
- Ear, Nose & Throat
- Endoscopy
- General Surgery
- Gynaecology
- Haematology/oncology
- In Vitro Fertilisation
- Laparoscopic Surgery
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Oral/Maxillofacial
- Orthopaedic
- Paediatric Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Sleep Disorders
- Urology

Industry Snapshot

- 357 private standalone day hospitals across Australia
- Day hospitals represent 54% of the private hospital sector
- 6 – 7% growth annually in day hospital activity
- 12% growth in the number of day hospitals over the last 5 years
- 22% of all separations in the private sector occurred in day hospitals
- 1.2m episodes performed in day hospitals FY2017-18
- Latest QPS Benchmarking results indicate an average patient satisfaction rate of 94.93%

Resources

Day Hospitals Australia Website
www.dayhospitalsaustralia.net.au

Day hospital sector information
www.dayhospitalsaustralia.net.au/infographics/

Member hospitals in Australia
www.dayhospitalsaustralia.net.au/list-of-members

Critical COVID-19 updates
www.dayhospitalsaustralia.net.au/covid-19/