



Day Hospitals Australia continues to provide representation, advocacy, and support for members to ensure the relevancy and sustainability of the sector. We are proud to share the following summary of activities from January - May 2024:

Activities + Initiatives

- Fit for Purpose Accreditation Briefing Paper and a Briefing Paper on Definition and Terminology for Day Hospitals were developed and distributed to jurisdictional Departments of Health, Health Ministers, PHIs, other stakeholders and Day Hospitals Australia members.
- Member Code of Conduct developed for Day Hospitals Australia
- The Board, CEO and Staff undertook a strategic planning day to develop the Day Hospitals Australia Strategic Plan 2024 - 2027.
- SAI Global Standards Subscription available for members
- New Industry member directory on the website
- Submission - Matrix summarising proposed changes to the Health Insurance Act for assignment of benefits
- Submission - Proposed changes to the regulation of exempt medical devices and exempt other Therapeutic Goods
- Submission - Instructions for Use for Medical Devices

Current Issues in the sector

- Application by the ANMF for wage increase to the Nurses Award 2020 by 35% - joint private sector approach to this issue.
- Discussions with Minister Butler's office and the Department of Health and Aged Care led to a decision that General Use Items will remain on the Protheses List and therefore will be covered by Private Health Insurers.
- Discussions with Health Ministers and jurisdictional Departments of Health regarding outsourcing of public hospitals elective surgery back log to day hospitals that can provide cost effective and efficient way assist in the reduction of this backlog.
- Dissemination of the Briefing paper and outlining the importance of a fit for purpose accreditation system that better reflects the model of care and specialised nature of day hospitals. Working with the Federal Minister's office on a recognised consistent national Definition and Terminology in relation to Day Hospitals – continuing engagement with jurisdiction Ministers and Departments of Health on the issue.
- Continued support from the Minister's office on both these matters including some discussions with ACSQHC CEO and COO.
- Continued support for members in relation to accreditation issues.

Government Engagement by the CEO

- Brian Kelleher, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Aged Care
- Monique Dyer, Victorian Health Service Facilitation Regulation
- Billy Moore, Advisor to the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care (monthly meetings)
- 2 day hospital visits in the ACT organised for the Advisor to view services likely to be impacted by PL reforms including chemotherapy and gastroenterology
- Visited Tennyson Day Hospital with Senator Anne Ruston, Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care
- Georgia Phillips, Senior Advisor, to SA Health Minister, Chris Picton, SA
- Helen Chalmers, Anna Baggoley & Dr Chris Lease, Department for Health & Wellbeing, SA
- Andrew Hastings, Chief Advisor, Minister for Health, VIC
- Kay Martin, Private Hospitals & Day Procedure Centres Unit, Dept of Health VIC
- Cameron Barnes, Deputy Chief of Staff, WA Health Minister
- Minister Ryan Parks, Minister for Health , NSW

Engagement by DHA Representatives

- Cheryl Taylor, ACT Chapter Chair represented Day Hospitals Australia at the ACT Regulatory Accountability Framework workshop
- Sophie Stokes, COO of Day Hospitals Australia attended a roundtable discussion with NSW Health Minister Ryan Park regarding current and emerging issues in healthcare

Industry Engagement

- Meeting to discuss proposed GUILs reform with Medical Societies including representatives from Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons, Australian Society of Anaesthetists, Australian Orthopaedic Association, Australian Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand, Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand, Australia and New Zealand Society of Vascular Surgery, and the Australian Society of Ophthalmologists
- Dr Leena Napappan, Anaesthetist, part of the ASA Day Care Special Interest Group
- J&J regarding the proposed removal of GUILs
- Meke Kamp, Healthscope
- Benni Ng, CEO, AMA WA
- Dr Tina Janamian, Group Chief Executive Officer AGPAL / QIP
- Anna Flynn, Partnering with Consumers, ACSQHC
- Matt Kelly, CEO PresMed

Private Health Insurers Engagement

- Continued engagement with all PHI's including Medibank, AHSA, Members Health Fund Alliance, NIB, Honeysuckle Health, Bupa, including discussions on Fit for Purpose Accreditation and alternative funding options for GUILs after 1st July 2024
- The CEO enabled a visit to Sundew Day Surgery for Bupa executives - Judith Day, Director Healthcare Management and Partnerships BUPA, Luke Givney, General Manager Hospital Partnerships and Rachael Droy, Head of Strategic Partnerships and Innovation

Media + Presentations

Articles and interviews with the CEO

- The Australian interview with Natasha Robinson
- 6PR Perth radio interview with Oliver Peterson
- ABC Perth WA Mornings radio interview with Nadia Mitsopoulos

CEO presenting an overview of the accreditation project at the International Association of Ambulatory Surgery Congress, Oslo in May 2024

New Representation

- ACHS Day Patient Clinical Indicator Working Party – Gabrielle Moreland & Amanda Shand
- ACHS Hospital-wide Clinical Indicator Working Party – Sarah Walsh
- Interjurisdictional Steering Committee for Mandatory Reporting of Medical Device Adverse events – Scott Bell & Jane Griffiths
- TGA – Complex Manufacturing Hubs in Private Health Facilities Working Group on POC Manufacturing of Medical Devices – Brett Miller
- Health Services Medication Expert Advisory Group - Cath Conway

2024 Conference

- Planning underway for the 2024 Conference
- 28 - 30 August 2024, Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre
- Theme: Solutions for the New Reality
- www.dayhospitalsaustraliaconference.com
- Registrations opened in March to allow members to book cheaper travel and accommodation

New Members

- New Diamond Corporate Sponsors – Sandoz & LifeHealthcare
- Renewed Diamond Corporate Sponsors – EBOS Healthcare and PSC Mediprotect
- New Opal Corporate Sponsors – ETS and Owens Minor & Halyard
- New Industry Members x 2
- Day Hospital Members x 5
- Preliminary Members x 3
- Individual Members x 2
- New Associate member - Australian Orthopaedic Association

Member Events

- Face to Face Chapter Meetings held in WA, TAS and VIC
- Ophthalmic Theatre Nurse Upskill Training Program webinar presented by Carina Mathiasen
- National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey training sessions presented by Josephine Wen Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist