Victorian Hospital Admission Policy

HDSS Forum: 2014
Victorian Hospital Admission Policy: Summary

- Context setting
- Criteria for Admission
- Issues arising during the year
- Analysis of data
- 2014 policy changes
The Victorian Hospital Admission Policy:

- defines what is reported to the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset
- is the count of the admitted patient activity in our hospitals
- determines WIES and NWAU funding for acute admitted patients
- determines NWAU funding for subacute and mental health admitted patients
- is the basis of health service planning
Criteria for admission: 2014

K: Posthumous Organ Procurement
   Do not attract WIES

N: Qualified newborn
   Based on Commonwealth criteria for qualification

U: Unqualified newborn
   Funded through mother’s DRG

O: Patient expected to require hospitalisation for minimum of one night

S: Secondary family member
   Limited reporting sites
Day only episodes

- **B: Day-only Automatically Admitted Procedures**
  - Requires procedure from Automatically Admitted Procedure List

- **C: Day-only Not Automatically Qualified Procedures**
  - Procedure from Not Automatically Qualified for Admission Procedure List AND
  - Documented specific patient circumstances requiring admission

- **E: Day-only Extended Medical Treatment**
  - Regular observations/monitoring for 4 hours OR
  - SSOU admit with supporting documentation
• Admission of ambulatory patients
  – Outpatients

• Ambulatory services provided in an admitted setting
  – HITH

• NETS
Issues arising during 2013-14

• Type C clarification
  – Patient’s special circumstances
  – Documentation in patient record

• Exceptions to policy

• General anaesthetic substitute
Analysis of admission policy

• **SSOU**
  - Huge increase in SSOU admissions
  - Monitoring time spent in SSOU

• **ED only admissions**
  - Reducing significantly; will be removed

• **Type C admissions**
  - Expected to be very low
Minimum changes

Transfer of ‘excision of lesion’ codes from AAPL to NAQAL
Type C clarification; *Is not a substitute for ambulatory care services*
Inclusion of process for accommodating ‘exceptions’ and GA substitutes
Removal of reference to radiotherapy non admitted episodes
Removal of Criterion for Admission Type R: restorative care, off-site
• All definitions for remaining criteria stay the same
  • No changes to SSOU criteria
• Additional information in policy remains:
  • Change to planned treatment; Cancelled admissions; HITH; Parentcraft
• Flow chart and fact sheet will be published to assist with decisions and provide supplementary information
• No change to admission time for patients admitted through ED
  • Admission time equals departure time from ED
Questions?