

Special Interest Group Pathology (SIG2)

5-6 September 2018, Sydney
Meeting Code HRT1817

Why Participate?

- ❑ *Identify "exemplar performers" in the design and utilisation of pathology services*
- ❑ *Learn how the exemplars are continuing to add value to the patient journey at less cost*
- ❑ *Identify ways to improve networking between pathology services*

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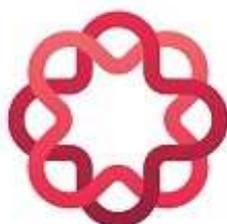
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"The value of pathology lies primarily in using the results, not producing a result"

In 2018, in collaboration with Public Pathology Australia, a dedicated SIG will be formed to identify improvement and service enhancement in the efficiency and quality of Pathology services across patients episodes to:

- » Order the right test at the right time
- » Understand the future of pathology testing - point of care vs central labs; new advances like genomics
- » Benchmark overall costs of pathology testing (in-house vs commercial contracts)
- » Ensure that pathology results are recorded in patient records for coding/treatment purposes
- » Benchmark pathology productivity - relative value units per FTE

The 2018 Improvement Group meeting will take place in Sydney and will enable participants to hear speakers talking about leading-edge innovations from Australia and New Zealand, as well as share ideas with each other.

Who should participate?

- ❑ This Roundtable is intended to share "good practice" ideas and innovations for reducing readmissions.
- ❑ Organise a cross-disciplinary team.
- ❑ You may bring up to four people per health service.

The Health Roundtable will:

- ❑ Work with experts to identify key trends and innovations.
- ❑ Survey participating health services for innovative practices.
- ❑ Collate and analyse results.
- ❑ Summarise the meeting and circulate all presentations.

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Clinical pathology testing is likely to continue to see accelerated growth due to:

- Aging population
- R&D leading to more sophisticated specialised testing e.g. in genomics
- Increased recognition of value of early detection
- Increased affordability
- Change in technology - most tests currently ordered by clinicians - changes in technology may lead to growth in point of care testing, in physicians offices and on the high street, and home testing.



This group will investigate and discuss some of the key issues around clinical pathology testing:

- Is there scope to speed up the pace of change in pathology to deliver the benefits available from service reconfiguration and technological development?
- Are there opportunities (to adopt) new investigations and procedures employing innovative technologies?
- Can we strengthen links between primary care and laboratories to improve turnaround times and reduce inappropriate requests for pathology tests?

Dates	Timeline 2018
1 April	Distribute data specifications
1 July	Provide data to The Health Roundtable
29 August	Briefing materials distributed
5-6 September	Pathology Improvement Group – Sydney

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The Health Roundtable helps health executives learn how to achieve best practice in their organisations. We collect and analyse operational and clinical data of our member organisations to search for innovations in patient care. We promote collaboration and networking amongst health executives and staff through our roundtable meetings, workshops, and other activities.