Sustainable and Quality use of Diagnostics in Emergency Departments Project

### Reducing low-value diagnostic pathology, imaging and interventions in Victorian Emergency Departments to improve patient outcomes, lower carbon emissions, and save healthcare costs.

Expression of Interest form

Safer Care Victoria (SCV) and Climate Health Victoria (CHV) are seeking to partner with Victorian public health services. We invite you to participate in a project aimed at ensuring the quality use of diagnostic pathology and imaging across Victorian Emergency Departments (ED). This initiative provides an opportunity to collaborate with other health services to test and implement changes that support clinically appropriate, safe, and high-quality use of these services. In partnership with SCV, CHV and participating health services, the project aims to improve patient outcomes, deliver environmental benefits and utilise healthcare resources more effectively.

This project will be focusing on diagnostic pathology, imaging and interventions such as intravenous cannulations, coagulation and blood gases, and CT KUB imaging requested by ED clinicians as standard practice. Participating health services can choose other investigations to target through this project, outside of these four, that they can propose will improve patient care, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and healthcare costs.

Please note that Urgent Care Centres **are not** within scope at this stage of the project.

Instructions

1. Before completing this form, please read the accompanying **Project Information Pack** which outlines the **Sustainable and Quality use of Diagnostics in Emergency Departments project** and expectations of participating health services.
2. Please complete all questions in this form with your executive sponsor and submit the form by **9:00 am Monday 24 February 2025** eithervia email at valuebasedhealthcare@safercare.vic.gov.au or the electronic MS Forms <https://forms.office.com/r/CFeqNXAi9V>.
3. For further information about the project, please contact: valuebasedhealthcare@safercare.vic.gov.au

Thank you for expressing your interest in participating in the **Sustainable and Quality use of Diagnostics in Emergency Departments project**. A selection process will be undertaken, and hospitals will be notified of their application outcome via email by **10 March 2025**. Project teams with successful applications will need to be available to attend a two-day Sustainability in Quality Improvement training at The University of Melbourne on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 April 2025.

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| **CONTACT DETAILS** |  |
| **Health Service** (state campus/campuses) |  |
| **Main contact** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Position / role** |  |
| **Email**  |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Sustainability Clinical Champion** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Role**  |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Executive sponsor** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Role** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone**  |  |

**Please review the selection criteria below while answering the listed questions. This will help SCV identify capability gaps to provide relevant project support for successful applicants.**

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| 1. ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT AND CAPABILITY FOR CHANGE
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| Selection criteria  |
| * Strong alignment between the objectives of the project and the organisation’s objectives.
* Demonstrated commitment to improvement initiatives at the organisation.
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| **Question** | **Word Count** | **Answer** |
| 1. Why does your health service want to be part of this initiative? Please include a summary of how the objectives of the project align with your strategic and business planning.
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| 1. Describe the support that your organisation would require from SCV to assist with this project?
 | N/A |  |
| 1. List and provide a brief description of any current/ past emergency department improvement initiatives related to reducing low-value care and/or sustainable healthcare (or other relevant projects).
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| 1. TRAINING AND EDUCATION DELIVERY
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| Selection criteria  |
| * Organisational consideration of incorporating training and education related to the project into existing programs.
* Organisational commitment to resource delivery of training and education programs.
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| **Question** | **Word count**  | **Answer**  |
| 1. Describe the existing or potential structures that are available to deliver training and education relevant to the project.
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| 1. DATA
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| Selection criteria |
| * Organisational expertise and commitment for extracting, analysing and reporting on the relevant data needed for the project
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| **Question** | **Word count** | **Answer**  |
| 1. Describe the data capabilities of your organisation and your approach to ongoing monitoring of the project outcomes using reliable data.
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| 1. PROJECT FOCUS
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| **Question** | **Word count** | **Answer**  |
| 1. List the areas or ideas that you would like to address as part of this project and why (example: which low-value diagnostic pathology, imaging, interventions will you target and why.)
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| 1. **SPONSORSHIP – Executive / CEO Approval**
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| **Signature**  | **Date** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone number**  |  |

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| Further information If you have any questions, please reach out to the Value Based Health Care Team: email: valuebasedhealthcare@safercare.vic.gov.au phone: 03 9285 3594 |