

## Fact Sheet

# Clinical Support



## Pharmacy

**Pharmacy services will be provided across WSLHD hospitals through a decentralised model with increasing satellite pharmacy services.**

All services will be networked to improve quality, safety, and access to biological handling, and maintain regulations and policy around the procurement and management of medicines.

Technology and the increased role and scope of pharmacy services will support future clinical services in providing early pharmacy interventions across the continuum of care.

## Recommendations for pharmacy services:

- ▶ With community based partners, including the Western Sydney Primary Health Network, educate and develop outreach and follow-up at home for consumers at risk of polypharmacy issues
- ▶ Create an environment where consumers are engaged in health promotion and self-management, including initiatives to improve health literacy
- ▶ Progress an integrated approach to pharmacy services for the Westmead Precinct in partnership with The Children's Hospital at Westmead
- ▶ Adopt a proactive, networked approach to antimicrobial stewardship across WSLHD
- ▶ Collaborate in a 'whole of WSLHD' medicines purchasing strategy to reduce costs
- ▶ Increase the presence of clinical pharmacy to support assertive/early management of patients
- ▶ Develop pharmacy-led clinics to support complex medical/surgical services
- ▶ Implement strategies to promote effective medication reconciliation practices, especially in the care of patients who are older or have chronic conditions
- ▶ Develop a medicine in pregnancy clinic to support other services, including Drug Health and Mental Health
- ▶ Progress infrastructure developments, models and change management to implement electronic medication management
- ▶ Expand capacity to support the Westmead Redevelopment
- ▶ Implement robotics in medicines handling, processing, dispensing, stock management and distribution.

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### Pathology and Imaging\* Services

*\* Imaging services include radiology and interventional radiology, and nuclear medicine*

**Provision of timely, efficient pathology and imaging services at all hospital sites is essential for optimal patient care.**

Networking arrangements will support access to on-site or off-site pathology and imaging service requirements in line with the scope of services provided at each facility, including hospital and community based locations.

### Recommendations for Pathology:

- ▶ Progress stakeholder collaboration to explore the Westmead Precinct pathology model
- ▶ Collaborate with partners to develop services to manage highly contagious conditions and new models of care, particularly for precision medicine
- ▶ Progress development of the expanded pathology service at Blacktown Hospital including tissue pathology.

### Recommendations for Imaging

- ▶ Expand capacity and develop models to support the Westmead Redevelopment and the Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals expansion
- ▶ Develop a strategy to train, recruit and retain ultrasound sonographers to meet increasing demand
- ▶ Expand the scope of interventional radiology treatments at Westmead Hospital and potentially at Blacktown Hospital, based on good evidence and sustainability
- ▶ Expand the number of interventional suites at Westmead Hospital
- ▶ Develop the interventional radiology and on-site nuclear medicine services at Blacktown Hospital
- ▶ Acquire a second PET scanner for Westmead Hospital and develop a PET service at Blacktown Hospital to support oncology and paediatrics (with anaesthesia)
- ▶ Develop cardiac MRI and progress the cardiac CT model at Westmead Hospital.