

Does Policy Matter?



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Health policy operating environment

- Demographic trends
- Health status data
- Understanding clinical innovations
- Prevailing social, economic & political conditions



Engagement with stakeholders

- Policy cannot be developed in isolation
- Critical input of stakeholders

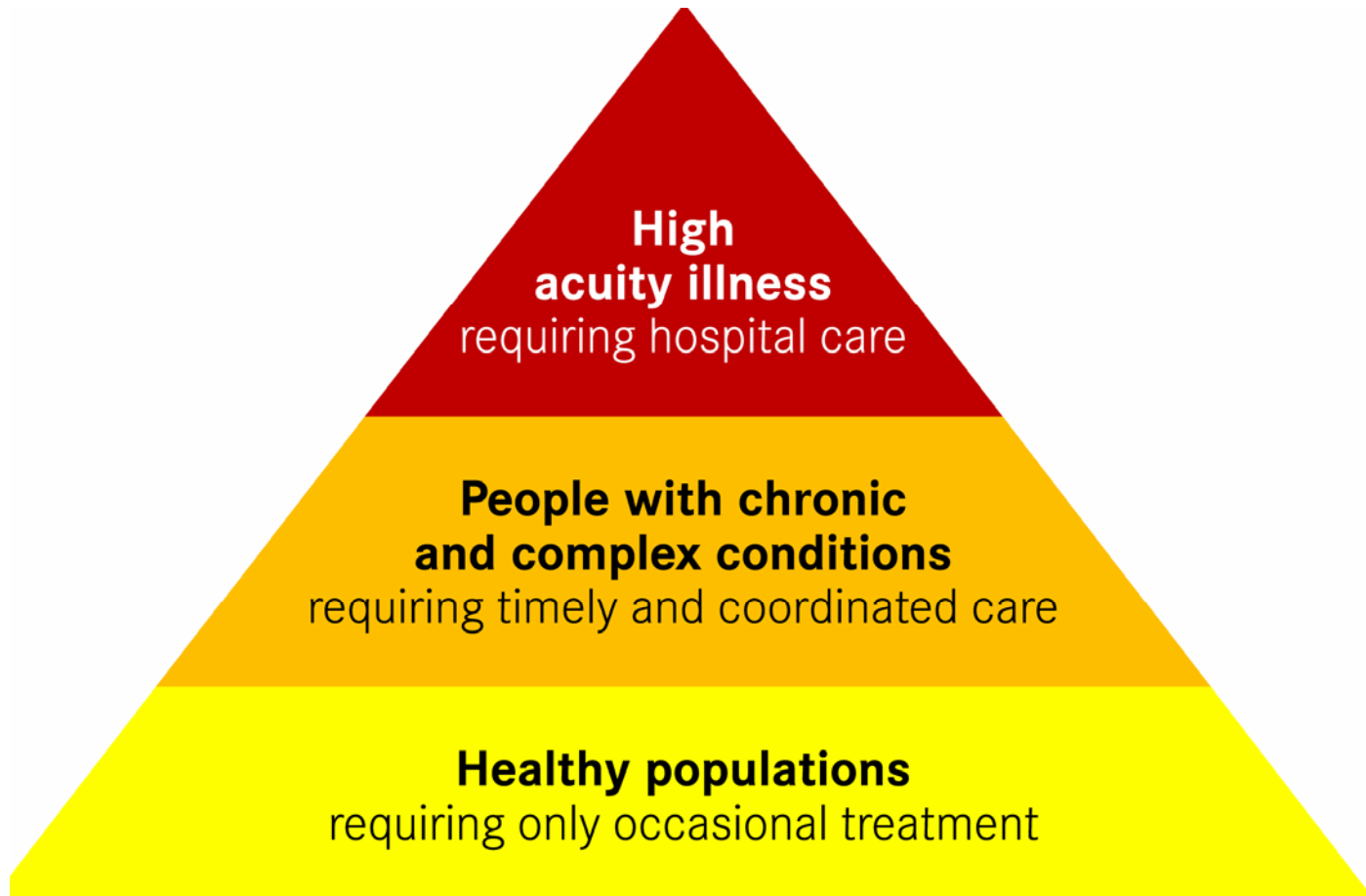


Health policy objectives for Victoria

- Prevention of chronic disease
- Integrated health care



Demand for health resources



Managing chronic diseases in community settings

- Service coordination & connectivity
- Clinical governance

Victorian Service Coordination
Practice Manual



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