







Directions 2009
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Vision

“The VHA will contribute to the achievement of optimal health outcomes for all Victorians”





Mission

- A priority focus on client-centred care, through
- Adoption by government of policy that consistently reflects the physical, social and environmental aspects of personal health status, by
- Service planning derived from population-based health analysis, requiring
- The maintenance of a contemporary health workforce structured to meet the changing care needs of Victorians. This requires
- Flexible funding models that provide for innovative approaches to addressing local health needs.



“Victoria’s health system should be the fence at the top of the cliff not an ambulance below,”




STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1

A priority focus on client-centred care

- Holistic and wellness oriented
- Addressing health inequities
- Equitable distribution of health services to all Victorians
- Information technology
- Clinical Governance in Community Health Project
- Optimising Primary Health Care: Refreshing MBS




STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2

Adoption by government of policy that consistently reflects the physical, social and environmental aspects of personal health status

- Reorientation of services
- Equitable access to services that are multidisciplinary and focus on empowering the individual.
- Range of Submissions to Government
- Health in all Policies



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3
Service planning derived from a population-based health analysis



- Service planning
- Monash University research
- Evidence
- Planning for Optimal Health
Outcomes: Improving Access to Data



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4
The maintenance of a contemporary health workforce to meet the changing care needs of Victorians



- A skilled workforce
- Innovative structures
- Changing health needs of the community
- The use of new technology
- Shrinking pool of available health workers
- National Primary Health Care Strategy



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5
Funding models that provide for innovative approaches to address local health needs



- Throughput vs outcomes
- System limiting adaptability and innovation
- Efficiency and effectiveness
- Access Economics research
- Capital Funding, Emergency Services, Small Rural Health Services, Optimising Primary Health Care



What does this mean?




The health system is in the spotlight. The VHA have developed:

1. Evidence-based policy documents
2. Relationships with key stakeholders
3. Research partnerships
4. Ministerial engagement with the VHA and membership
5. A growing media profile
6. Clinical Governance resources
7. Improved member engagement




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The VHA relies on the advice, expertise and knowledge of our members.

To further advance the health reform agenda, the contribution of our members to the formulation of our position is acknowledged and applauded.

Thank-you



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