

LOWERING THE BAR

Just when the State Government should be lifting health standards, it's dropping them.

The State Government relaxed elective surgery benchmark standards at 12 public hospitals in December to allow hospitals to treat 55% or fewer patients, instead of the national standard of 80%!

Source:
'Hospital standards cut',
Herald Sun, 5/12/08

IT DOESN'T STOP THERE...

Hospitals are now in such crisis we're seeing administrators covering up bad outcomes by fudging performance figures.

An independent audit into the real state of our hospitals is just the first step to fixing our sick health system.

Sick opt to walk out of hospitals
The Age, 24 Nov 2008

Hospitals in crisis
Herald Sun, 14 May 2008

Five years of hell seeking surgery in state's hospitals
Herald Sun, 2 April 2009
2356 died waiting

LOCAL PATIENTS LET DOWN BY SICK HOSPITALS



More than 1,970 people are waiting for elective surgery at the Frankston Hospital. Almost 1,400 of these patients require semi-urgent treatments, such as knee and hip replacements.

The State Government's own targets say semi-urgent patients must be treated within 90 days.

(Your Hospitals' Report - September 2008 update)

Just 55% of patients were seen within this timeframe at Frankston Hospital as of September 2008.

Local people will continue to go without treatment if the State Labor Government doesn't act immediately to fix a health system which is failing tens of thousands of Victorians.



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YOUR STATE MP FOR MORNINGTON

PATIENT SATISFACTION AT FRANKSTON HOSPITAL

DROPPED
▼ 18.1%

BETWEEN JUNE '07 & JUNE '08.

'Your Hospitals' Report - July 2007 to June 2008

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SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG WITH OUR HOSPITALS ...

...when a 69-year-old woman is forced to wait more than 90 weeks for knee replacement surgery that the State Labor Government's own targets say should be performed within 90 days.

Shamefully, she's not alone.

Tens of thousands of Victorians are waiting for medical care in our public hospitals.

Source: 'Cruel 90-week surgery wait',
Sunday Herald Sun, 16/11/08



SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG WITH OUR HOSPITALS WHEN ...

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HERALD SUN, 2 APRIL 2009



85,000

Patients waited more than eight hours in emergency departments because of a lack of hospital beds - a 14,000 increase in just one year.



20,000

Emergency patients, including stroke victims, were not treated within the set 10 minutes - an increase of 4,000 from 2006-07.



7,700

Patients were forced to wait more than 40 minutes in ambulances before they could be transferred into emergency departments.



98,000

'Urgent' patients - those with severe blood loss, vomiting or dehydration - were not treated within the set time of 30 minutes.



37,500

Patients were on elective surgery waiting lists as of June 2008. And a further 33,000 patients have waited to get on this list for surgery!



1,500

Sick or injured patients opted to walk out of public hospitals instead of enduring long waits, between July and September of 2008.



600

According to the Australian Medical Association, 600 new beds are urgently needed to ease the strain on our public hospitals.



217

Victorian-educated doctors quit our health system and moved to Queensland in 2007-08 - a 20% increase on the previous year.

TOP & BOTTOM 'Your Hospitals' Report - July 2007 to June 2008

TOP 'Patients wait in ambulances for care', *The Age*, 22/11/08

BOTTOM 'Your Hospitals' Report - July 2007 to June 2008

TOP 'Your Hospitals' Report - July 2007 to June 2008 and

'Sick wait to join queue', *Herald Sun*, 26/7/08.

BOTTOM 'Sick opt to walk out of hospitals', *The Age*, 24/11/08

TOP Letter to the Editor, 'More beds please', *The Age*, 2/8/08

BOTTOM 'Doctors fleeing Victoria for better jobs in Queensland', *The Age*, 13/10/08