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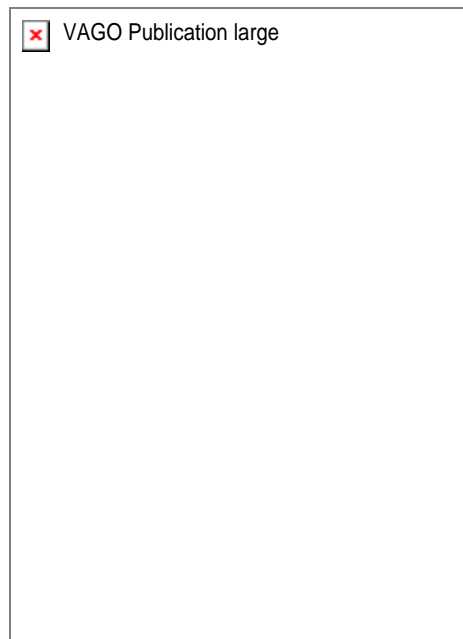
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Managing Acute Patient Flows



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Victoria's public hospitals are major providers of acute and sub-acute health care. Acute care involves diagnosis and intensive treatment over a short timeframe to reduce the symptoms or severity of illness or to provide a cure. Demand for acute care has increased steadily over the past decade and Victoria has the second highest public hospital admission rate in Australia.

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