

Healthy people, healthy systems

A BLUEPRINT FOR OUTCOMES-FOCUSED, VALUE BASED HEALTHCARE

four steps towards outcomes-focused and value-based healthcare

'Value should always be defined around the customer, and in a well-functioning health care system, the creation of value for patients should determine the rewards for all other actors in the system. Since value depends on results, not inputs, value in health care is measured by the outcomes achieved, not the volume of services delivered, and shifting focus from volume to value is a central challenge. Nor is value measured by the process of care used; process measurement and improvement are important tactics but are no substitutes for measuring outcomes and costs' (Porter 2010).

Outcomes-focused and value-based healthcare can be better enabled through a whole-of-government approach to achieve:

1

a nationally unified and regionally controlled health system that puts patients at the centre

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performance information and reporting that is fit for purpose

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an integrated health workforce that exists to serve and meet population health needs

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funding that is sustainable and appropriate to support a high quality health system.

The complete blueprint can be viewed at:
www.ahha.asn.au/blueprint

our vision for a healthy Australia supported by the best possible healthcare system

