

Sample minimum eye health data set for regions

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There is support and interest to develop a minimum data set (MDS) for regular regional reporting of eye care services.

Regular reporting against MDS will provide opportunity to monitor of services over time and support ready identification of service trends, breaks, gaps and needs. MDS specification may provide key input to technology developments.

Need to agree on target population for reporting – Indigenous only? Indigenous/non-Indigenous data may not available for outreach or hospital clinic services.

Primary care

1. Number of people screened for vision/eye problems
2. Number of people referred with vision/eye problems
3. Number of people with diabetes (reported as being diabetic)
4. Number of people with diabetes referred for retinal examination
5. Number of people with retinal examination provided/retinal photograph taken in clinic
6. Number of MBS Item 715 (adult and Older Persons) billed

Optometry

7. Number of days of service (VOS supported and other)
8. Number of patients examined
9. Number of glasses prescribed/provided
10. Number of people examined with diabetes
11. Number of people with diabetes referred for specialist review
12. Number of people referred for cataract surgery
13. Number of people referred for other reasons

Ophthalmology

14. Number of days of service (clinic/surgery)
15. Number of patients examined
16. Number of patients examined with diabetes
17. Number of people with diabetes requiring treatment (intravitreal injection/retinal laser)
18. Number of people with diabetes receiving treatment (intravitreal injection/retinal laser)
19. Number of people referred for cataract surgery (offered surgery as likely to benefit)
20. Number of people receiving cataract surgery
21. Number of people on waiting list for cataract surgery
22. Number of people on waiting list for cataract surgery >90days

Steps

- A regional agreement
- B strengthen definitions of agreed MDS
- C identify data sources and establish agreement for sharing data
- D build 2013 MDS report
- E build 2014 MDS regular reporting for region