

Empowering patients and improving acute COPD care

Working together for better outcomes in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) care

COPD affects 1 in 13 Australians aged over 40 and is a leading cause of avoidable hospital admissions. Inconsistent care, limited patient information and less support after discharge can make it harder for people to stay well at home.

Safer Care Victoria partnered with Lung Foundation Australia to address these challenges through a statewide collaboration using shared learning, evidence based tools, and practical support.



What changed as a result of the project



Strengthened COPD care and discharge practices



Improved patient education and confidence



Enhanced care through practical resources and strong partnerships



Developed and shared COPD Acute Care Quality Improvement Toolkit



Promoted practical implementation of COPD Clinical Care Standard

Helping Victorians breathe easier

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10 Public health services across metro and regional Victoria collaborated to improve COPD care



Increased clinician confidence in delivering evidence-based COPD care



Outcomes

84%

84% increase of COPD inhaler technique assessments before discharge

74%

74% increase in COPD action plan completion prior to discharge

Impact



Hospitals working together



Helping people stay well at home



Supporting staff with simple, practical resources



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