

## Information for regional patients

# Care closer to home

You may be able to receive care closer to home once you no longer need to be in a metropolitan hospital. This may be in a regional hospital, or you may be able to receive care from community-based services in your own home.

Together with your hospital team we will find the right place for you to receive the care you need.

It is common practice for patients to be moved between locations in the health system according to care needs. This is to ensure you are in the best place for care to be provided.

### What might you expect?

- Once you no longer need to stay in a metropolitan hospital, your hospital team will advise if you still require ongoing care, and whether this can be provided in your own home or in a hospital closer to where you live.
- If ongoing hospital care is required, you may be transferred to a hospital closer to home that is best able to provide the type of care that you need.
- This may not necessarily be the hospital that is closest to your home.
- If you are going to another hospital, we will discuss transport options with you.
- Your General Practitioner 'GP' will be advised of your transfer and ongoing care needs.

### Where can I find out more information?

Please ask to speak with your hospital team.