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Dear <First Name> <Last Name>,

## Your feedback will help improve healthcare services for Aboriginal people

We invite you to complete a questionnaire about your most recent admission to [Hospital name] during [Month]. You were selected to complete the questionnaire as your hospital record identified you as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

The Bureau of Health Information and Centre for Aboriginal Health are working together to collect and report on the experiences of care for Aboriginal patients who receive healthcare services in NSW. This year, we have added questions that are important to Aboriginal patients.

Your feedback will help us improve healthcare experiences and outcomes for Aboriginal people across NSW. Any information you provide will be treated confidentially, and the health professionals who cared for you will not be able to see your responses.

**It is also easy to take part** using your smartphone, tablet or computer:

Scan the QR code

Or

go to [survey.ipsos.com.au/patientsurvey](http://survey.ipsos.com.au/patientsurvey)

Then

Enter your username

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If you have any questions or need help filling in the questionnaire, please contact the toll-free Patient Survey Helpline on 1800 220 936 (Monday to Friday, 9am–8pm), or email your questions to [NSWPatientSurvey@ipsos.com](mailto:NSWPatientSurvey@ipsos.com)

For more information about patient experience across hospitals in NSW, including results from previous surveys, visit [bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://bhi.nsw.gov.au)

Thank you for taking the time to help improve NSW Health services.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Diane Watson**  
 Chief Executive  
 Bureau of Health Information

**Geri Wilson-Matenga**  
 Executive Director  
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## COMPLETING THE PAPER QUESTIONNAIRE

If you complete the paper questionnaire, please use a blue or black pen to mark  clearly in the box next to your answer.

Sometimes response options have a 'Go to...' instruction which directs you to skip any questions that do not apply to you:

**Q68** Did you receive support, or the offer of support, from an Aboriginal health worker while you were in hospital?

- Yes  
 No ..... Go to Q70  
 Don't know/can't remember. . . Go to Q70

If you make a mistake or wish to change a response, simply fill in the box and mark  in the correct box:

**Q36** At the time you were discharged, did you feel that you were well enough to leave hospital?

- Yes  
 No

If someone is helping you to complete the questionnaire, please ensure the answers are from your point of view, and not the opinion of the person helping you.

To return the paper questionnaire, place the completed copy in the enclosed reply paid envelope.

## PRIVACY INFORMATION

### Your privacy is protected by legislation

The Bureau of Health Information (BHI) works with Ipsos Public Affairs Ltd to manage the NSW Patient Survey Program on behalf of NSW Health. Your name and address are provided to Ipsos for the purpose of sending you this questionnaire only. Ipsos will keep your personal information confidential.

Your questionnaire responses will be treated in the strictest confidence. BHI will receive your questionnaire responses in a form that is identifiable, but your name, address and contact details are not provided to BHI to ensure your confidentiality is protected at all times.

BHI will not report any results that may identify you as an individual. Your questionnaire responses will not be accessible to the health professionals who cared for you.

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## Your feedback will help improve healthcare services for Aboriginal people

When completing this questionnaire, please think about your experiences of care at the hospital named, in the month shown, in the covering letter. If you had more than one admission in that month, to the hospital named in the letter, please refer to the most recent admission. You were selected to complete the questionnaire as your hospital record identified you as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Your feedback will help us improve healthcare experiences and outcomes for Aboriginal people across NSW.

Any information you provide will be treated confidentially, and the health professionals who cared for you will not be able to see your responses.

For each question, please mark  clearly in the box next to the answer you choose using a blue or black pen. Don't worry if you make a mistake; simply fill in the box  and mark  in the correct box.

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### ARRIVAL

For the questions in this section, please think about when you first arrived at the hospital and all the staff you met, including receptionists, nurses and others.

**Q1** Were the staff you met on your arrival to hospital polite and welcoming?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

**Q2** How well organised was the admission process?

- Very well organised
- Fairly well organised
- Not well organised
- Not applicable

### THE HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT

For the questions in this section, please think about your experiences of the hospital environment during your stay.

**Q3** How clean were the areas of the hospital you used during your stay?

- Very clean
- Fairly clean
- Not very clean
- Not at all clean

**Q4** How would you rate the food you were served while in hospital?

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor
- I wasn't served any hospital food

Q5

Were you given enough privacy during your stay at the hospital?

- Yes, always  
 Yes, sometimes  
 No

Q6

Did you stay for one or more nights in a room or ward which was only for patients of the same gender as you?

- Yes, always  
 Yes, sometimes  
 No  
 I didn't stay overnight  
 I stayed in a single room

## HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

For the questions in this section, please think about all the health professionals who treated or examined you at the hospital. This may include doctors, nurses, allied health (e.g. physiotherapists) and others.

Q7

Did the health professionals who treated you introduce themselves to you?

- Yes, all of them  
 Some of them  
 Very few or none of them  
 Don't know/can't remember

Q8

Did the health professionals ask your name or check your identification band before giving you any medications, treatments or tests?

- Yes, always  
 Yes, sometimes  
 No  
 Don't know/can't remember  
 Not applicable

Q9

Did you have enough time to discuss your health or medical problem with the health professionals?

- Yes, definitely  
 Yes, to some extent  
 No  
 Don't know/can't remember

Q10

Did the health professionals explain things in a way you could understand?

- Yes, always  
 Yes, sometimes  
 No

Q11

Did you have confidence and trust in the health professionals treating you?

- Yes, definitely  
 Yes, to some extent  
 No

Q12

Were the health professionals kind and caring towards you?

- Yes, always  
 Yes, sometimes  
 No

Q13

Overall, how would you rate the doctors who treated you?

- Very good  
 Good  
 Neither good nor poor  
 Poor  
 Very poor

Q14

Overall, how would you rate the nurses who treated you?

- Very good  
 Good  
 Neither good nor poor  
 Poor  
 Very poor

## CARE AND TREATMENT

For the questions in this section, please think about the care and treatment you received while in hospital.

**Q15** During your stay in hospital, how much information about your condition or treatment was given to you?

- Not enough
- The right amount
- Too much
- Not applicable

**Q16** How much information about your condition or treatment was given to your family, carer or someone close to you?

- Not enough
- The right amount
- Too much
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

**Q17** Did you ever receive contradictory information about your condition or treatment from the health professionals?

- Yes
- No

**Q18** In your opinion, did the health professionals who treated you know enough about your care and treatment?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

**Q19** Did the health professionals give you the support you needed to help with any worries or fears related to your care and treatment?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't have any worries or fears

**Q20** Were you involved, as much as you wanted to be, in decisions about your care and treatment?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't want or need to be involved

**Q21** When the health professionals spoke about your care in front of you, were you included in the conversation?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Not applicable

**Q22** Did the health professionals listen carefully to any views or concerns you had?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't have any views or concerns

**Q23** How would you rate how well the health professionals worked together as a team?

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor

**Q24** Were you treated with respect and dignity while in hospital?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

**Q25** Were your cultural or religious beliefs respected by the hospital staff?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- Not applicable

Q26

If you needed help with personal care (e.g. eating and drinking, moving around or going to the bathroom), did hospital staff help you within a reasonable timeframe?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- I didn't need help with personal care

Q27

Were you ever in any pain while in hospital?

- Yes
- No ..... Go to Q29

Q28

Do you think the health professionals did everything they could to help manage your pain?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

Q29

Did the health professionals explain what would happen during your tests, operations or procedures in a way you could understand?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

Q30

Did the health professionals explain the results or outcomes of your tests, operations or procedures in a way you could understand?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

## PROBLEMS AND COMPLICATIONS

For the questions in this section, please think about any problem or clinical complication that you may have experienced related to your care and treatment.

Q31

During your hospital stay or soon after, did you experience any problem related to your care and treatment?

- Yes
- No ..... Go to Q35

Q32

Was the impact of this problem...?

- Very serious
- Fairly serious
- Not very serious
- Not at all serious

Q33

Were the health professionals open with you about this problem?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Not applicable

Q34

Were the health professionals responsive in addressing this problem?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Not applicable

## LEAVING HOSPITAL (DISCHARGE)

For the questions in this section, please think about your experiences as you were preparing to leave hospital.

**Q35** Did you feel involved in decisions about your discharge from hospital?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't want or need to be involved

**Q36** At the time you were discharged, did you feel that you were well enough to leave hospital?

- Yes
- No

**Q37** Thinking about when you left hospital, were you given enough information about how to manage your care at home?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Not applicable

**Q38** Was your family and home situation taken into account when you were discharged?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

**Q39** Thinking about when you left hospital, were adequate arrangements made for any services you needed (e.g. equipment, home care, community care, follow-up appointments)?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't need any services

**Q40** Were you told who to contact if you were worried about your condition or treatment after you left hospital?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

**Q41** Were you given or prescribed any new medication to take at home?

- Yes
- No ..... Go to Q43

**Q42** Did a health professional in the hospital tell you about medication side effects to watch for?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

**Q43** Did you receive a document summarising your hospital care (e.g. a digital or physical copy of the letter to your GP or a discharge summary)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

**Q44** On the day you left hospital, was your discharge delayed?

- Yes
- No ..... Go to Q46

**Q45** Did hospital staff explain the reason for the delay?

- Yes
- No

## OVERALL EXPERIENCE

For the questions in this section, please think about your overall experiences of the care provided to you while in hospital.

**Q46** Overall, how would you rate the care you received while in hospital?

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor

**Q47** How well organised was the care you received in hospital?

- Very well organised
- Fairly well organised
- Not well organised

**Q48** If asked about your hospital experience by friends and family, how would you respond?

- I would speak highly of the hospital
- I would neither speak highly nor be critical
- I would be critical of the hospital

**Q49** Did the care and treatment received in hospital help you?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

**Q50** In the one month following your discharge, were you re-admitted to any hospital or did you go to an emergency department because of complications related to the care you received?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

**Q51** In the three months following your discharge, were you re-admitted to any hospital or did you go to an emergency department because of complications related to the care you received?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

## VIRTUAL CARE WITH A HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Virtual care appointments are held over the telephone or by video call, using any form of communication or information technologies, rather than in person. For the questions in this section, please think about your virtual care appointments with a hospital outpatient clinic, not with a general practitioner (GP), in the three months after your discharge.

**Q52** In the three months after your discharge from the hospital, how many in-person appointments have you had with a hospital outpatient clinic?

- None
- 1 to 2
- 3 to 5
- More than 5
- Don't know/can't remember

**Q53** In the three months after your discharge from the hospital, how many virtual care appointments have you had with a hospital outpatient clinic?

- None . . . . . Go to Q60
- 1 to 2
- 3 to 5
- More than 5
- Don't know/can't remember

**Q54** Overall, how would you rate the virtual care you received?

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor

**Q55** Did the care and treatment received through virtual care help you?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No



**Q56**

**Compared with in-person appointments, were your virtual care experiences...?**

- Better
- About the same
- Not as good

**Q57**

**If given the choice, would you use virtual care again?**

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, in some circumstances
- No
- Don't know

**Q58**

**Thinking about your experiences of virtual care, what have been the benefits for you?**

**Please  all the boxes that apply to you**

- I thought it was convenient
- I saved time
- I saved money
- I felt that I received safe, high quality care
- I felt that I received the right care at the right time
- I felt at ease being in my own home/ surroundings
- I didn't have to take as much time off work as I would have with an in-person appointment
- I didn't need to arrange care for children or dependants
- I was able to have others join the appointment (my family, other members of my healthcare team)
- I thought it benefitted me in other ways
- I had no benefits

**Q59**

**How did you access your most recent virtual care appointment?**

- Telephone, audio only (mobile or landline)
- Online, with video (e.g. Skype, Zoom. On any device including computer, tablet or smartphone)
- Online, audio only (on any device including computer, tablet or smartphone)
- Other

## VIRTUAL CARE WITH A GENERAL PRACTITIONER

For the questions in this section, please now think about your virtual care appointments with a general practitioner (GP), in the three months after your discharge.

**Q60**

**In the three months after your discharge from the hospital, how many in-person appointments have you had with a general practitioner (GP)?**

- None
- 1 to 2
- 3 to 5
- More than 5
- Don't know/can't remember

**Q61**

**In the three months after your discharge from the hospital, how many virtual care appointments have you had with a GP?**

- None . . . . . Go to Q65
- 1 to 2
- 3 to 5
- More than 5
- Don't know/can't remember

**Q62**

**Overall, how would you rate the virtual care you received?**

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor

**Q63**

**Did the care and treatment received through virtual care help you?**

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

**Q64**

**Did the opportunity to use virtual care help ensure that your care was well coordinated between the hospital and the GP?**

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

## YOUR EXPERIENCE AS AN ABORIGINAL PATIENT

The questions in this section were identified to be important to Aboriginal patients. Your feedback will help us improve hospital experiences and outcomes for Aboriginal people.

- Q65** Are you of Aboriginal origin, Torres Strait Islander origin, or both?
- Yes, Aboriginal
  - Yes, Torres Strait Islander
  - Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
  - No . . . . . Go to Q76

- Q69** After talking to an Aboriginal health worker, did you feel more supported with your care?
- Yes, definitely
  - Yes, to some extent
  - No
  - Not applicable
  - Don't know/can't remember

For the following questions, the term 'Aboriginal' is used in preference to 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander', in recognition that Aboriginal people are the original inhabitants of NSW. Please think about your experiences of care at the hospital named in the cover letter.

For the following questions, please think about the experiences of your family during your hospital stay. The term family includes your relatives as well as people who you consider to be your family.

- Q66** During your stay, how often were you asked if you were an Aboriginal person?
- More than I would like
  - As much as I would like
  - Less than I would like
  - Don't know/can't remember
  - I wasn't asked if I was an Aboriginal person . . . . . Go to Q68

- Q70** If your family visited you in hospital, did they have any of the following issues?  
Please  **all the boxes that apply to you**
- There were cost issues (e.g. travel, accommodation, parking)
  - Visiting times or visitor numbers were restricted
  - There was no culturally appropriate space available
  - My family didn't feel comfortable when they visited me in hospital
  - I had no family visit me in hospital
  - Don't know/can't remember
  - They didn't have any issues
  - Other issue

- Q67** Did you feel comfortable about how the staff asked this question?
- Yes, always
  - Yes, sometimes
  - No
  - Don't know/can't remember

**Please write below.**

- Q68** Did you receive support, or the offer of support, from an Aboriginal health worker while you were in hospital?
- Yes
  - No . . . . . Go to Q70
  - Don't know/can't remember . . Go to Q70
- Go to Q69


**Q71**

If your family wanted or needed to talk to the health professionals, did they get the opportunity to do so?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- Not applicable
- Don't know/can't remember

For the following questions, please think about all the hospital staff you may have met during your stay, including health professionals as well as administration staff, cleaning staff and others.

**Q72**

Did you ever feel unfairly treated during your stay because you are an Aboriginal person?

- Yes
- No . . . . . Go to Q74

**Q73**

What happened to make you feel you were treated unfairly?

Please  all the boxes that apply to you

- The staff were less respectful with me than other patients (e.g. the way they spoke to me, the way they looked at me)
- I heard the staff say something bad about me or Aboriginal people
- The staff kept me waiting longer than other patients
- The staff didn't spend as much time with me compared with other patients
- I don't think my cultural needs were recognised
- Other reason

Please write below.


For the following questions, please think about all your experiences at any hospital in the past 12 months.

**Q74**

In the past 12 months, was there ever a time when you needed to go to hospital but didn't?

- Yes
- No . . . . . Go to Q76
- Don't know/can't remember . . Go to Q76

**Q75**

Why didn't you go to hospital?

Please  all the boxes that apply to you

- I had transport issues
- I was too busy with work, personal or family responsibilities
- I had a previous experience of discrimination
- The staff or service were not culturally appropriate
- In the past, my health issues weren't taken seriously
- Other reason

Please write below.


Please turn over to complete questionnaire 

## ABOUT YOU (THE PATIENT)

The questions in this section will help us to see how experiences vary between different groups of the population.

**Q76** What year were you born?  
Write in (YYYY)

**Q77** How do you describe your gender?  
Please  **one** option

Man or male  
 Woman or female  
 Non-binary  
 Prefer to use a different term

Please specify below.

Prefer not to answer

**Q78** What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than Year 12 or equivalent  
 Completed Year 12 or equivalent  
 Trade or technical certificate or diploma  
 University degree  
 Postgraduate/higher degree

**Q79** Which language do you mainly speak at home?

English  
 A language other than English

What is that language? Please write below.

**Q80** Which, if any, of the following longstanding health conditions do you have (including age-related conditions)?

Please  **all** the boxes that apply to you

- Deafness or severe hearing impairment
- Blindness or severe vision impairment
- A longstanding illness (e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease)
- A longstanding physical condition (e.g. arthritis, spinal injury, multiple sclerosis)
- An intellectual disability
- A mental health condition (e.g. depression)
- A neurological condition (e.g. Alzheimer's, Parkinson's)
- None of these. . . . . Go to Q82

**Q81** Does this condition(s) cause you difficulties with your day-to-day activities?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

**BHI would like your permission to link your questionnaire responses to other information from health records relating to you which are maintained by NSW Government and Commonwealth agencies** (including your hospitalisations or health registry information).

Linking to your health information will allow us to better understand how the care provided by health services is related to the health of their patients.

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**Q82** Do you give permission for the Bureau of Health Information to link your answers from this survey to health records related to you (the patient)?

- Yes
- No

## COMMENTS

- Q83** What was the best part of the care you received while in this hospital?  
Please don't include your name, address or any personal information about yourself or the health professionals who treated you.


- Q84** What most needs improving about the care you received from this hospital?  
Please don't include your name, address or any personal information about yourself or the health professionals who treated you.


**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please return the questionnaire in the reply paid envelope provided or send it in an envelope addressed to our survey processing centre (no stamp needed):  
NSW Patient Survey, Ipsos Social Research Institute,  
Reply Paid 91752, Port Melbourne VIC 3207

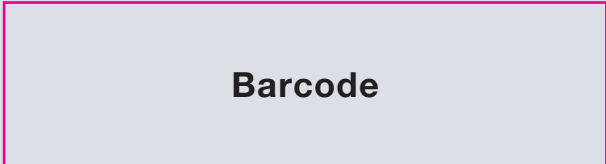
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