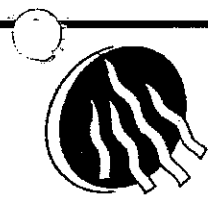


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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** District Managers

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**From:** General Manager (Health Services)      **Contact No:** (07)  
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**Subject:** Elective Surgery and Total Surgery Targets 2002/03

I have recently approved final elective surgery funding arrangements for 2002/03 and these post budget adjustments should now be processed. Reconciliations of activity against targets will be performed when finalised hospital morbidity data is available in September.

A number of Districts are still forecasting deficits in relation to elective surgery targets and I would urge these Districts to reduce these deficits in order to preserve funding arrangements for next year.

A related issue is the achievement of total surgery targets. The Director-General requested the institution of a total surgery target in 2000/01 to preserve the total surgery workload of Queensland public hospitals. This is seen to be particularly pertinent in light of the move towards more non-invasive techniques that, in some cases, are not defined as "elective surgery" under National Health Data Dictionary definitions. Such DRGs are, as a result, not claimable as funded elective surgery activity but will, in many cases, be included in total surgical activity.

There is almost \$90 million in dedicated elective surgery funding in the system this year. Queensland Health is in a position of trying to secure the \$10 million (Elective Surgery Enhancement Initiative) on an ongoing basis. Accountability for the expenditure of elective surgery funding is therefore paramount.

As a result, I would like to stress the need to achieve both the Elective Surgery and Total Surgery activity targets in 2002/03.

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