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P4P in Australia

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Introduction

Following a high profile scandal relating to quality and safety of care, the health authority in the Australian state of Queensland is introducing a pay for payment (P4P) component into its new hospital prospective payment system.

Discussion

P4P will include both pay for reporting to collect additional clinical data and payment for adherence to key clinical process makers. This paper describes the model used to choose conditions amenable to use in a P4P system, together with detail of the indicators used for payment.