

Safer Care MCH Clinical Updates

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Being different together

In this space, we're not the same and that's our greatest strength.

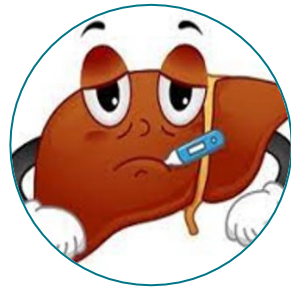
We draw on our differences in:

- Who we are
- What we've experienced and;
- How we think.

What's on for today...



The Victorian Infant
Hearing Screening
Program



Managing Hep B &
reducing liver cancer



Malnutrition in Infants



Detect & respond to non-
accidental injury



Virtual ED's
Virtual Kids



Breast Milk Substitutes



MCH Line – Working in
partnership



Congenital Syphilis

COVID-19 & the changes in MCH Service Delivery



21 March 2020 –
15 May 2020

Commencement of
telehealth + short face-
to-face delivery



- PPE availability from 15 May 2020
- All infants 0-8 wks. and priority groups all ages
- Based on service capacity older children > 4 mths



- MCH access to Health Direct
- Services funded in 19/20 financial year
- Professional Development provided



- Decreased available hours for effective service provision
- Older children without additional needs received less service provision

Emergency Department presentations



Telehealth guidelines



Telehealth guidelines for MCH services

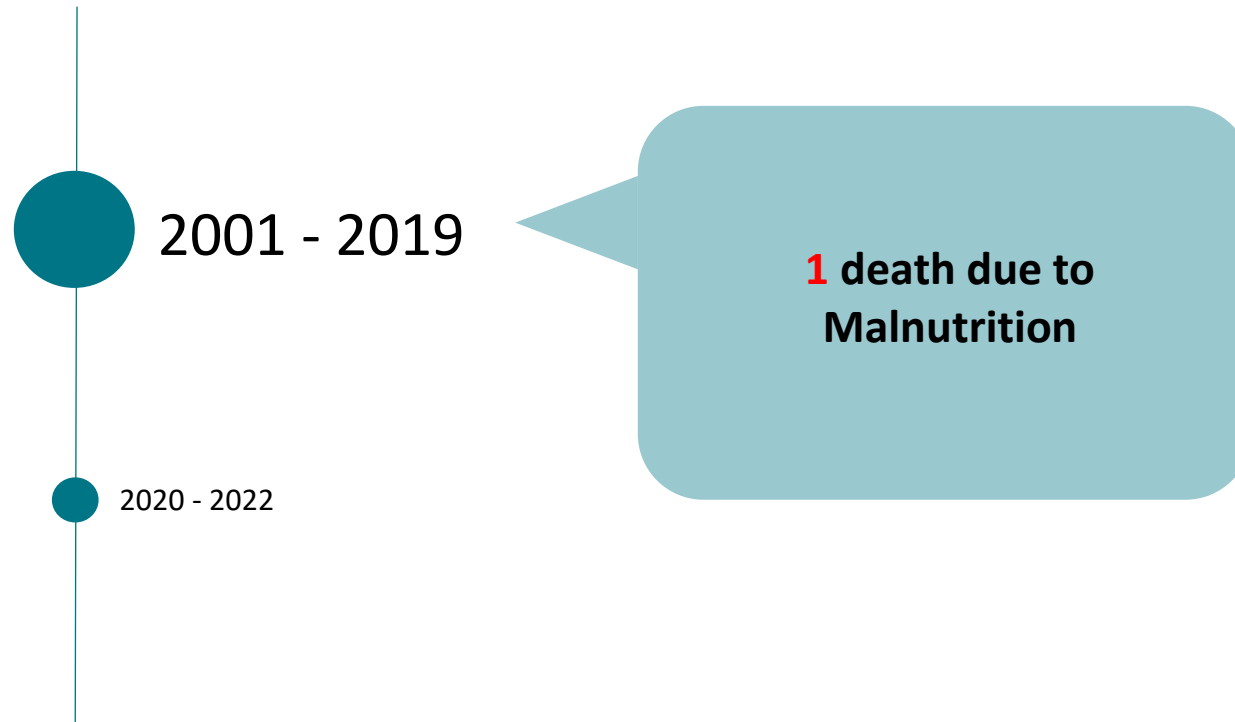


Provides guidance on what can be covered by telephone/telehealth

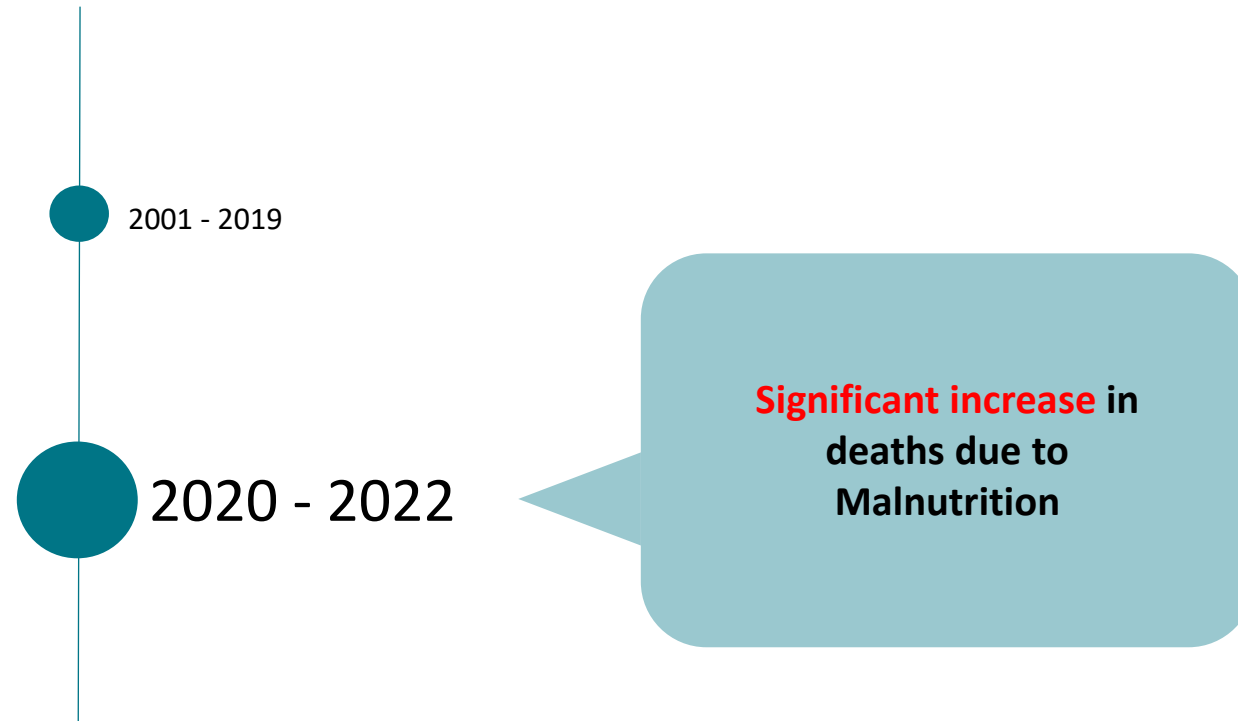


All Key Ages & Stages visits require a face-to-face delivery component

Malnutrition



Increase in Malnutrition



Importance of Face-To-Face KAS visits



ALL KAS visits require face-to-face service delivery + weight

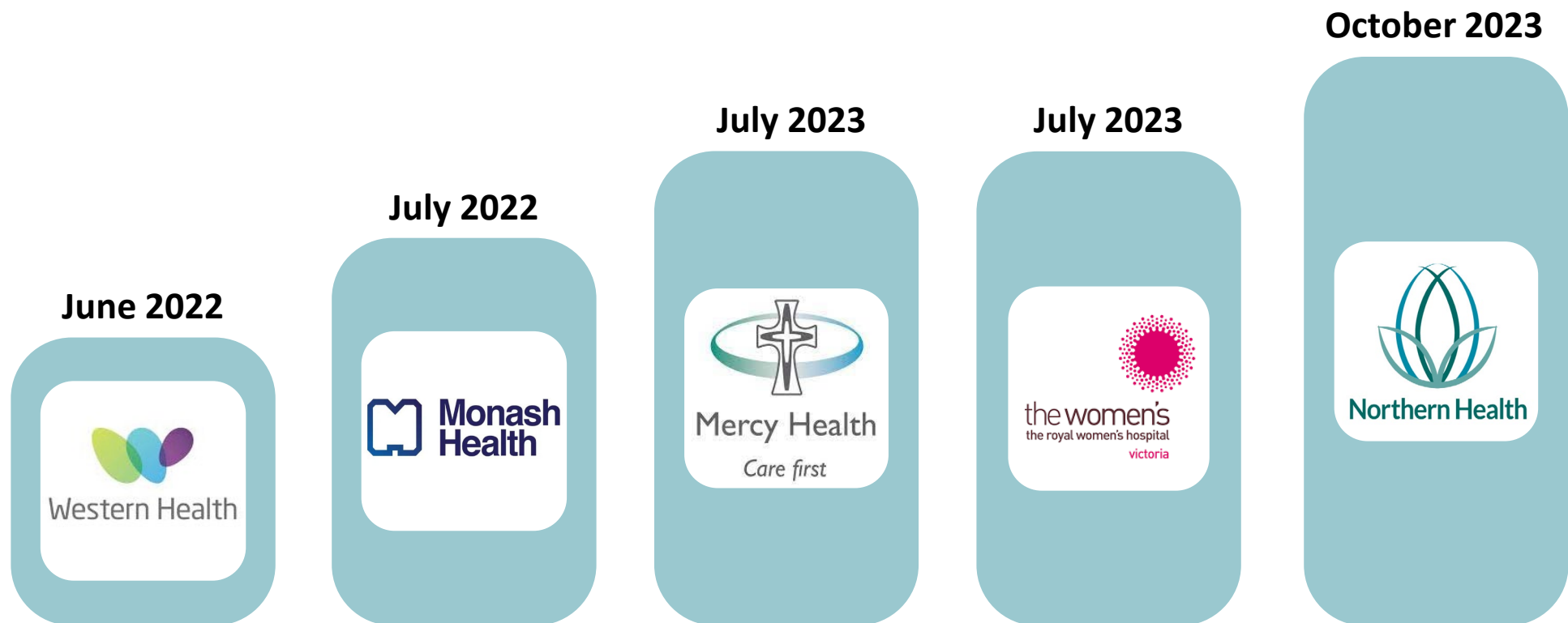


Home Visit – assessment of nutrition requires weight



Medical reasons for slow weight gain & differential diagnosis

MCH Electronic Discharge Summaries



← These hospitals combined represent approx. 42% of the birthing population for Victoria →

Updates from the Raising Children Network

[Co-sleeping with babies | Raising Children Network](#)

updated 25/08/2023



raisingchildren.net.au
the australian parenting website

Co-sleeping: When a baby sleeps on the same surface as another person

Co-sleeping can help with breastfeeding & bonding

There are circumstantial risks associated with co-sleeping

There are ways to reduce risks & make co-sleeping safer

A safe sleeping environment is: In a safe cot, on a safe mattress, safe bedding in a safe sleeping space

Breastfeeding Definition Revision

MCH Service Guidelines (p. 73)



Exclusive Breastfeeding

- Breast milk is the **only** source of nourishment
- Can receive vitamins, minerals or medicines (via drops or syrups)
- **Does not** receive anything else.



Predominantly Breastfeeding

- Breast milk as the **predominant** source of nourishment
- Can receive liquids, ritual fluids, drops or syrups
- **Does not** receive any non-human milk or food based fluids



Partially Breastfeeding

- Breast milk **and** solid or semi-solid foods
- The infant can receive any food or liquid

Thank-you

