General Practice the key interface between LHNs and PHCOs?

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Clinical Governance and Clinician Engagement

- PCHOs – company limited by guarantee with governance board leadership
- PCHOs – delivery (?)/manage delivery of PHC
- LHNs – governance board
- LHNs – govern acute/inpatient services
- Anticipated LHNs and PCHOs will cover similar geographic regions and interface with each other
Importance of GP Participation

• Significant provider of primary and preventative health care in the community
• Pivotal in primary health care coordination
• Major source of hospital referrals
• Principal provider of post hospital care
• Increased training responsibilities including interns
Role of GP

- Potential involvement in both PHCO and LHN boards
- Board member or advisor
- Identify areas of need/poor coordination, infrastructure needs, consumer advocacy
- Health Care Targets may be best achieved by collaboration between hospital and community based health care
Potential Barriers to Participation

• Increasing demands on an ever diminishing supply of senior GPs
• Vast majority of GPs work in private practice
• Participation of a private GP – costs the practice and the GP
• Rural GPs – smallest supply, hardest to backfill and most financially marginal private practice base