Introduction

HOSPITAL HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY is a dynamic field that presents challenges and opportunities. The Department of Health and Ageing hosted the 2006 Biennial Health Conference from 14–16 November at the University of New South Wales to provide a forum where experts could share information and provide commentary on current and emerging issues in acute care and health service delivery more generally.

This special edition of Australian Health Review draws together many of the papers presented at the conference. Presenters were provided with the opportunity to submit their paper for publication with or without peer review. The topics covered include clinical governance, workforce issues, data collection methods and how to enhance acute care and general health service delivery.

The views expressed in the papers are, of course, those of the authors.

On behalf of the Department of Health and Ageing I would like to thank the authors and the editor for their contribution to what we believe is an informative and interesting publication.

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