Logan Hospital’s Emergency Department is leading the way with part of its Trifecta of Nursing Autonomy Initiative now set to be rolled out across the state.

ED Nurse Practitioner Sarah Brokenshire and Nurse Educator Carly Bland said Logan was the first hospital in Queensland to trial nurse initiated diagnostics including X-ray, pathology and medications on a digital platform.

They said the initiative meant patients no longer had to wait to be seen by a doctor to have treatment commenced but that highly skilled emergency nurses were able to start it early.

“We recently presented the initiative to Clinical Excellence Queensland at the PROV-ED (PROMoting Value-based care in EDs) “pitch fest” and Nurse Initiated X-ray (NIX) was subsequently chosen to be rolled out state-wide under the PROV-ED team,” Sarah said.

“This is wonderful news and something our ED nursing team is excited to be a part of,” Carly added.

Logan Hospital staff members since introducing the Trifecta Initiative.

With the implementation of the three initiatives, the average time to meaningful treatment time for patients triaged to the waiting room awaiting an acute bed decreased from around 61 minutes in January 2018 to around 38 minutes in February 2019.

She said Clinical Governance approval is yet to be confirmed but the hope is it will be approved by the end of this month.

Nurse Initiated Medications across the state at a later date if possible.”

The PROmoting Value-based care in Emergency Departments (PROV-ED) Project supports widespread implementation of established clinical redesign initiatives to improve value-based care of patients presenting to Emergency Departments (EDs) across Queensland Health.

Pictured: Sarah Ashover, Tamra Milburn, Sarah Brokenshire, Carly Bland, Deb North and Vital Mattus.
Logan Hospital’s stomal therapy and wound management nurses don’t always get the recognition they deserve but Stomal Therapy Awareness Week last week was the perfect time to shine a light on the crucial work they do.

The management of diversions and acute and chronic wounds is a critical component of providing the best in patient care and the team at Logan Hospital are among the best. Did you know that more than 74,000 people in Australia have a stoma at any given time? Or that more than 650 stomas are created across the country each month?

Anyone from a newborn baby to the very elderly may have a stoma, so thank you to our Stomal Therapy Nurses for ensuring all our patients with a stoma can continue enjoying a great quality of life.

Great work team!

The Outpatients Department is the latest to recreate some realistic clinical events in Logan Hospital’s Simulation Lab thanks to a new program developed to mirror the unique OPD setting.

Nurse Unit Manager Tobi Cole said the program had enabled the team to refresh and revitalize their knowledge and skills - some of which were not routinely practiced in the outpatients department.

“This was an amazing trust and team building experience,” Jessica.

“Before I went in I thought I couldn’t do it, but this opportunity gave me the confidence I needed,” Michelle G.

“It has reaffirmed my abilities as a nurse and built my confidence,” Julie H.

“It was a fun experience,” Skye.

“The mock scenarios were fantastic and the educators were supportive and interactive. I highly recommend this to all areas of nursing,” Bernie.
Did you know our facilities receive fantastic feedback each and every week? Here is a recent example sent to Logan Hospital. Well done ED team!

Good evening,

I just wanted to give some great feedback regarding our visit to the Emergency Department at Logan today, specifically in regards to the lovely woman who was out on the floor in triage.

She was absolutely amazing. She had to deal with a particular difficult person (as I have no doubt she has to do every day) and she handled it with such professionalism.

She greeted everyone positively and kept things light and airy. I didn’t get her name, but I hope you can pass on to her that she definitely made our visit to the ED less stressful and that she’s made for the job!

Thanks, S.

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DISCHARGE HANDOVER

Handover at discharge for safer care

Accurate and timely handover is a core element of clinical practice.

At discharge, handover to GP’s is vital and occurs through completion of the electronic discharge summary.

It is recognised that with timely discharge handover, the quality of information provided is better, there is improved continuity of care, and reduced chance of readmission to hospital.

At Logan-Beaudesert it is an expectation that discharge handover to GP’s is completed promptly.

The majority of patients should have their discharge handover completed on the day of discharge.

Same day handover is particularly important for patients who are being transferred to another facility, who require urgent follow up or who have had recent significant changes to their management.

For more information regarding Discharge Handover processes please see:

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