The rollout of the ImpACT protocol continues with three more sites implementing since December 2017. Interestingly, all three of these hospitals have overcome resourcing shortfalls in a unique way to introduce ImpACT.

**Bundaberg** Hospital has no in-house Exercise Stress Testing (EST) service but has a well-developed relationship with an external provider. They initially introduced part of the ImpACT protocol (to allow discharge of low risk patients without testing) in December last year. More recently, thanks to the dedication of Emergency Department Director Dr Terry George, they have negotiated the introduction of restricted hours inpatient testing to allow for acceleration of intermediate risk patients using the ImpACT protocol.

**Queen Elizabeth II** Jubilee Hospital has a limited capacity for inpatient ESTs, but implemented a hybrid pathway in February to accelerate low risk patients, and enable opportunistic acceleration of intermediate risk patients when a test is available. Well done to ED Staff Specialist Dr Catharina Grobler and all involved for working with this innovative solution, which no doubt requires some finesse around patient management in the ED.

**Rockhampton** Rocky implemented ImpACT in May, and has paved the way for collaboration of two QH Clinical Excellence Division initiatives. Working with both ACRE and the statewide Tele-Cardiac Investigations Team has enabled Rockhampton hospital to introduce the ImpACT protocol in full.

ESTs are locally supervised by two trained Cardiology Nurses, and the test is run by a Senior Cardiac Scientist in Brisbane with a live feed of both the ECG trace and the patient. An Advanced Trainee Cardiology Registrar is on hand to report the test straight away.

Credit must go to the Rocky stakeholders who have provided a great example of inter-departmental collaboration. A special mention to Cardiology NUM Leanne Wall for her very impressive organisation skills. The ACRE Team is very excited about patients in a regional hospital with otherwise limited access to testing, receiving the same or better level of care as metropolitan hospitals.
Research

Since November 2017 the ACRE Team has been conducting a research project in Cairns into the use of the ImpACT protocol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

Funded in part by an AusHSI (Australian Centre for Health Services Innovation) Partnership Grant, patient recruitment is well underway with 134 patients recruited as we go to press.

We must acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our ACRE team members in Cairns - Virginia Campbell and Karlie Proctor, and the support of local Cairns stakeholders from ED and Cardiology departments.

With patient recruitment set to wrap up in September this year, we will keep you posted with outcomes.

Where is ImpACT?

We now have 7 hospitals that have implemented ImpACT, with several more in planning stages. Here is the update on “Where in Queensland is ImpACT”

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We have engaged with stakeholders at many additional sites and the following hospitals have commenced planning for implementation:

Gladstone, Mackay, Logan, Toowoomba, Caboolture, Townsville, Gold Coast and Robina

Presentations

Conducting studies in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations introduces additional challenges to the rigorous processes around research. Prior to ethics application, the ACRE Team took steps to actively engage and seek feedback and endorsement from relevant stakeholders to ensure cultural capability.

ACRE Project Officer Laura Foran recently presented a poster on this journey which was well received, at the Statewide Clinical Networks Collaborating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Forum in Brisbane.