



Evolution of the Care Economy Summit 2026

Transitions in the care economy –
how to approach reform and regulation



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Thursday 6 August 2026

The Refectory, Holme Building, University of Sydney

8:30am – 9:30am	Registrations open
9:30am – 10:00am	Welcome to Country
	Introduction
10:00am – 10:15am	Opening address
	Professor Andrew Wilson , Co-Director, Leeder Centre for Health Policy, Economics and Data, University of Sydney
10:15am – 11:15am	Presentation: Canary in the coal mine – lessons from Canada on long stay patients
	Professor Jason Sutherland , Director, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
11:15am – 11:45am	Morning refreshments
11:45am – 12:45pm	Panel discussion: Transitions in hospital care systems
	Hospital systems remain focused on access - moving people quickly through assessment and referral pathways - and on ensuring sufficient hospital bed capacity. At the same time, there are calls for more care to be provided outside hospitals and for greater emphasis on early intervention. This panel will explore whether hospital systems should continue to prioritise access, and how they might transition to providing appropriate care at the right time in the right place whilst achieving high value care. • Dr Michael Wright, President, RACGP • Ms Miranda Shaw, General Manager, Sydney Virtual Hospital, NSW Health • Dr Shirley Bowen, Director General, WA Health • Professor Jason Sutherland, Director, Centre for Health Services and Policy, Research School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

12:45pm – 1:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm – 2:45pm	Presentation: Hospital to home – managing transitions in the English NHS Dr Becks Fisher, Director of Research and Policy, Nuffield Trust (UK)
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Presentation: Long stay older patients – new insights and analysis Professor Kees van Gool, Health Economist, IHACPA and Professor of Health Policy and Systems, Leeder Centre for Health Policy, Economics and Data, University of Sydney Adjunct Associate Professor Sarah Neville, Executive Director, Pricing and Analytics, IHACPA
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Panel discussion: Transitions through care systems Care is often required beyond the decision to discharge from hospital care systems, yet limited attention is placed on the preventive actions needed for individuals to return to their homes and communities successfully and avoid related return admissions. Health and care systems often struggle to support people following an acute episode. This panel will consider what needs to change to make transitions to aged care and primary care in the community faster, safer, and more stable, and what a more integrated care sector could look like. • Associate Professor Carmen Huckel Schneider, Deputy Director, Leeder Centre for Health Policy, Economics and Data, University of Sydney • Dr Martin Laverty, Chief Executive Officer, Aruma • Dr Jono Hoogerbrug, Clinical Informatics Director, Health New Zealand and Board of Health Informatics New Zealand • Dr Becks Fisher, Director of Research and Policy, Nuffield Trust (UK)
4:00pm – 4:10pm	Break
4:10pm – 4:50pm	Panel discussion: Future reform, regulation, research and pricing session In the closing session, IHACPA will draw together the key themes and insights from the Evolution of the Care Economy discussions, reflecting on what we heard across the day and highlighting the implications for future reform, regulation and pricing across the care sectors. • Professor Michael Pervan, Chief Executive Officer, IHACPA • Professor Kees van Gool, Health Economist, IHACPA and Professor of Health Policy and Systems, Leeder Centre for Health Policy, Economics and Data, University of Sydney • Adjunct Associate Professor Sarah Neville, Executive Director, Pricing and Analytics, IHACPA • Distinguished Professor Jane Hall AO, Centre for Health Economics Research and Policy, University of Technology Sydney, Honorary Professor, Leeder Centre for Health Policy, Economics and Data, University of Sydney, IHACPA Pricing Authority member
4:50pm – 5:00pm	Summary and close
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Networking reception