

3. Role Delineation Guide

The health service requirements can be classified under broad categories such as Emergency, Inpatients, Surgery, and Intensive Care etc. Each of these may be designed for a particular level or standard of service. These are known as Role Delineation Level or RDL and numbered from 1 to 6; level 1 representing uncomplicated health facilities, ascending to level 6 representing complex specialist services and hospitals.

Description and definition of each RDL can be found in the Figure 1 below.

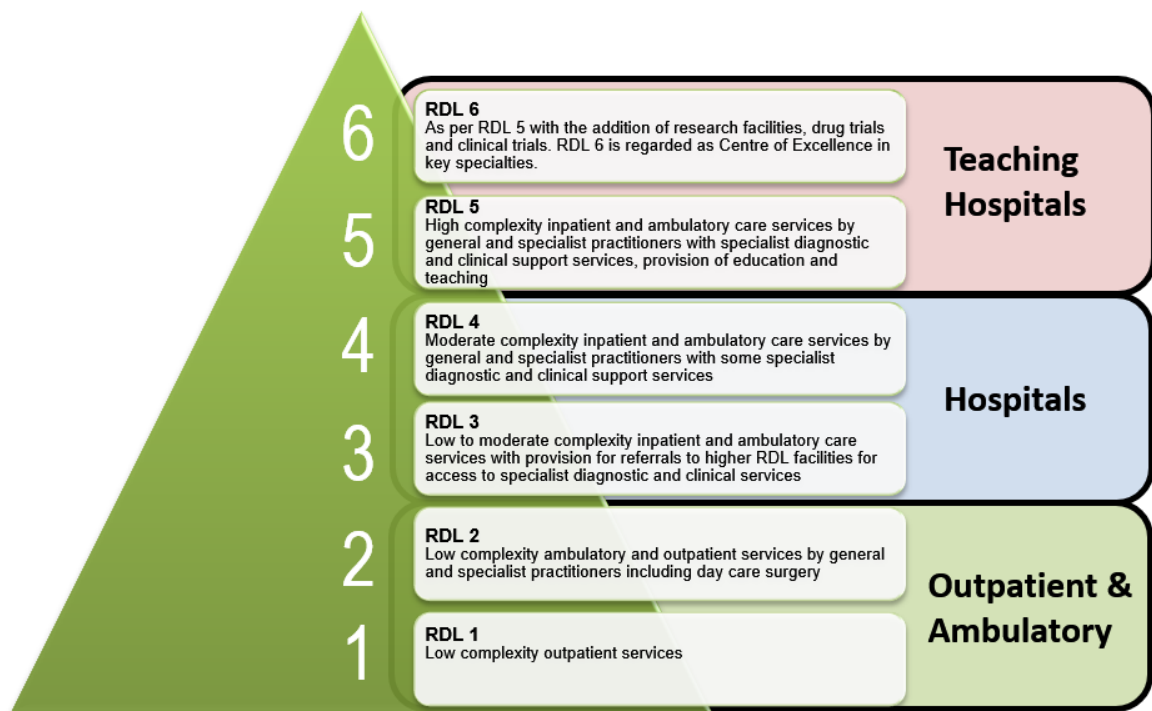


Figure 1: Simplified Role Delineation Level Guide

3.1 Role Delineation Level (RDL)

To illustrate the difference in RDL, an Intensive Care Service provided by a major Metropolitan hospital which also incorporates Teaching and Research will be at RDL 6. The same service provided at a small General hospital without Teaching and Research facilities will be at RDL 4. At higher RDLs the service provision will require access to higher levels of skill and additional, complementary services. For example, Surgery at RDL 5 will require Intensive Care services also at RDL 5 plus many more supporting services.

The relationships between all the services and the inter-dependence of the services at each RDL results in a large matrix with services one side and 6 RDLs on the other side.

The operators of health facilities and/or the designers need to decide what services they wish to provide as well as the RDL for those services. Only then, the facility requirements can be determined and verified. For example, the number, type and size of rooms for an ICU service at RDL 6 will be different to one at RDL 4.

Any facilities which has the fundamental requirements of RDL 3 or 4 with one or more of the services and matching facilities being at RDL 5 or 6 will be regarded as a “Centre of Excellence in Oncology”. By way of clarification, any service which is provided at a designated RDL may require supporting services also

at certain RDL. For such requirements refer to the full Role Delineation Framework provided in Part A, Appendix

These Health Facility Guidelines provide a Role Delineation Framework which sets out the most common health services under each RDL. Under each category the requirements and dependencies are stated. The Role Delineation Framework can be found as an appendix in Part A of these Guidelines.

3.2 Role Delineation Framework

Refer to the Role Delineation Framework provided in **Part A - Appendix 6** of these Guidelines.