Hospital pandemic planning

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Hospital preparedness

Learnings from 2009 (and since)

"Flu clinics", managing patient flow

Improved infection control

Communicating internally/externally at all levels

"Menu of options" similar to AHMPPI

Pandemic influenza ⇔ seasonal influenza ⇔ novel respiratory virus ⇔ other communicable diseases events

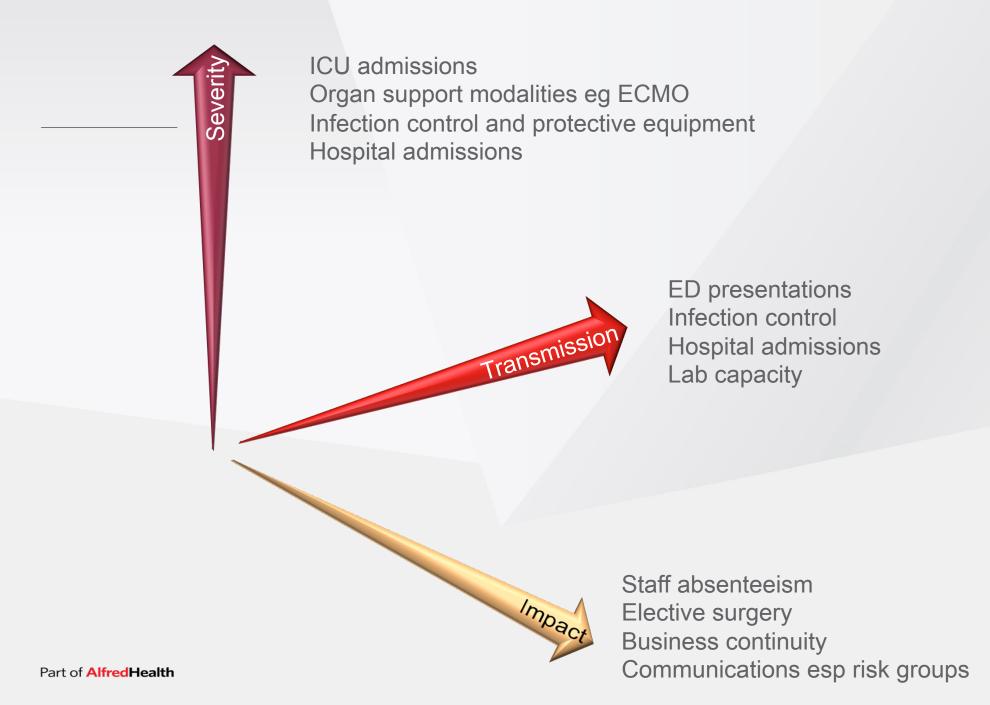
Multidimensional aspects of pandemics

Transmission

Severity

Impact





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Likely pressure points

Limited ICU capacity

Staffing in specialised areas

Distribution networks and logistics

Lab capacity

Equipment and drugs (and vaccines)

Staff anxiety and protection

Central co-ordination and communication

Whole of system responses esp primary care and hospitals

Victoria

7000 acute public hospital beds 460 ICU beds 500 paediatric beds 5000 ED presentations/day 100000 GP consultations/day

