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### **The Victorian Injury Surveillance Unit (VISU)**

The Victorian Injury Surveillance Unit (VISU) is situated within the Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC). VISU aims to reduce the number and severity of injuries in the community through a program of ongoing injury surveillance: identifying hazards, disseminating data and information, supporting research and monitoring trends. VISU is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Victoria

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### **Caveats**

#### **Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)**

The Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD) contains de-identified demographic, administrative and clinical data detailing presentations at Victorian public hospitals with 24-hour Emergency Departments. Submission to the VEMD commenced in October 1995. Further detailed information about the VEMD can be found at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vemd/index.htm>.

The DHHS supplies VISU with a de-identified subset of injury ED presentations annually. The VEMD held by VISU contains over 6.5 million records for the 19-year period from July 1999 to June 2019. Variables provided in standard output include: age, sex, injury cause, location, activity, nature of main injury, body region, human intent and departure status. Other collected variables include procedure information, country of birth, local government area of residence and a 250-character text description of the injury event.

VEMD caveats:

- Each record can represent the first presentation for treatment of injuries arising from an incident, a return visit or pre-arranged visits. VISU reports usually exclude return and pre-arranged visits.
- The VEMD collects data from Victorian public hospitals with 24-hour emergency departments. 100% state wide coverage of these hospitals applies from 2004. Casey Hospital was added when it opened in 2005.
- The Bass Coast Regional Hospital is the most recent addition to the VEMD and started collecting data in July 2011.
- The VEMD collects data in accordance with National Minimum Data Standards for injury surveillance. While data is *not* coded using the ICD-10-AM system, the code set is similar and comparable.

Thirty-eight hospitals are currently contributing data to the VEMD collection and these, along with current data availability start dates, are listed below:

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**July 1999**

Alfred Hospital  
Austin Health  
Ballarat Base Hospital  
Box Hill Hospital  
Dandenong Hospital  
Echuca Base Hospital  
Footscray Hospital (ex Western)  
Frankston Hospital  
Goulburn Valley Base Hospital  
Latrobe Regional Hospital  
Maroondah Hospital  
Mildura Base Hospital  
Monash Medical Centre  
Northeast Health Wangaratta  
Northern Hospital  
Royal Children's Hospital  
Royal Melbourne Hospital  
Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital

St Vincent's Public Hospital  
Sunshine Hospital (ex Western)  
The Angliss Hospital  
The Bendigo Hospital  
The Geelong Hospital  
Warrnambool Hospital  
Werribee Mercy Hospital<sup>i</sup>  
Williamstown Hospital  
Wimmera Base Hospital

**October 1999**

Royal Women's Hospital

**December 2000**

Rosebud Hospital

**May 2003**

Sandringham Hospital

**July 2003**

Warragul Hospital

**August 2003**

Wodonga Hospital

**January 2004**

Bairnsdale Hospital  
Hamilton Hospital  
Sale Hospital  
Swan Hill Hospital

**April 2005**

Casey Hospital

**July 2011**

Bass Coast Regional Hospital

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<sup>i</sup> Mercy Women's Hospital is under Werribee Mercy Hospital