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# Casemix at 30 – a perspective from Australia, actually mostly Victoria

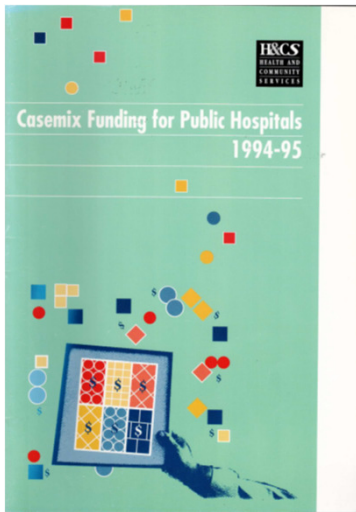
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# National timeline



Lesson 1:  
Information provision not enough to drive substantial reform

Lesson 2:  
It takes a long time for a good idea to be implemented)

Lens procedures: 6.8 days vs 2.4 in US (as inpatients)

	N	mean	C.V.	N	mean	C.V.	N/1000
<b>MDC 02 Diseases and Disorders of the Eye</b>							
<b>SURGICAL</b>							
36 Retinal procedures	802	5.5	0.9	953	4.4	0.5	53
37 Orbital procedures	190	6.6	0.7	214	3.9	1.2	15
38 Primary iris procedures	368	7.2	1.2	298	3.4	0.6	5
39 Lens procedures	2522	6.4	0.5	2662	2.4	1.2	481
40 Extracocular procedures except orbit, age >= 18	1694	2.6	1.2	1710	2.4	1.0	44
41 Extracocular procedures except orbit, age 0-17	1209	1.7	0.6	1384	1.5	0.7	28
42 Extracocular procedures except retina, iris and lens	477	6.3	0.8	437	3.7	1.3	71
<b>MEDICAL</b>							
43 Hyphema	426	4.4	0.5	417	3.0	0.5	8
44 Acute major eye infections	128	6.6	1.0	152	4.8	0.6	15
45 Neurological eye disorders	198	4.6	1.0	218	4.1	0.7	15
46 Other disorders of the eye, age >= 18 with CC	146	12.7	2.5	149	6.2	0.7	24
47 Other disorders of the eye, age >= 18 w/o CC	934	5.8	3.1	826	3.6	1.9	30
48 Other disorders of the eye, age 0-17	266	2.6	1.1	299	2.7	1.1	9

## DRGs 1982-83 and 1983-84

Measurement of the output of Victorian public hospitals in 1982-83 and 1983-84 using diagnosis related groups

1986  
Health Department Victoria

## DRGs 1992-93

Measurement of the Output of Victorian Hospitals in 1992-93 Using Diagnosis Related Groups

- <1993 Victoria      1993
- Preparatory work nationally Victoria
  - Preparatory work in Victoria
  - Comparisons of LOS with US (aka Maryland)
  - 'Top-30' Reports

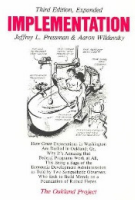
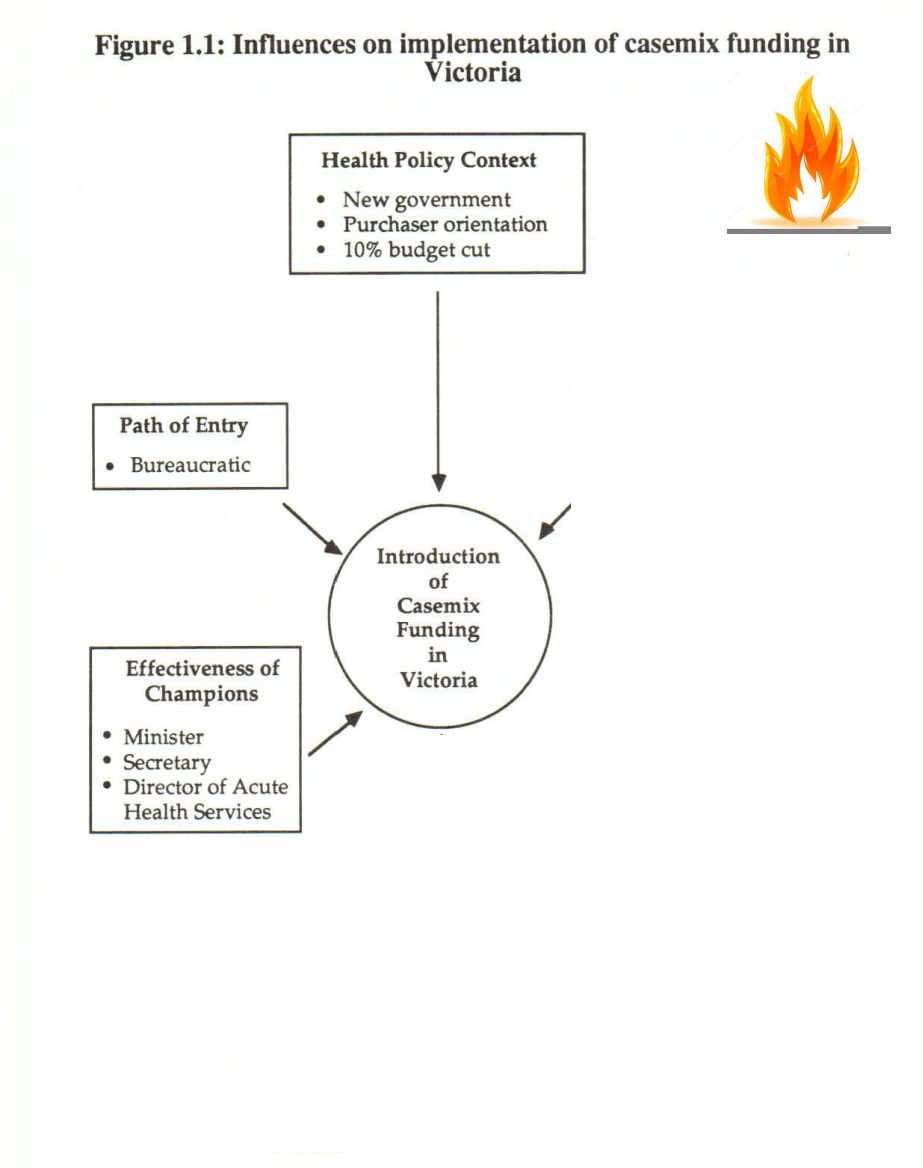


Figure 1.1: Influences on implementation of casemix funding in Victoria



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# Policy levers to achieve change



Lesson 3:  
Helpful if all aligned



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Activity based funding for  
Australian public hospitals:  
Towards a Pricing Framework

21 December 2011



- <1993 Victoria
  - Preparatory work
  - Comparisons of LOS with US (aka Maryland)
  - 'Top-30' Reports
  - Use of DRG adjustment in benchmarking
- Policy on-the-shelf

1993 Victoria and lots of talk

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2009 NHHRC

2011+ IHPA

