

The Fourth Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation

2021



43–56%
of planned
c-sections
<39 weeks
had no
medical
reason
recorded*



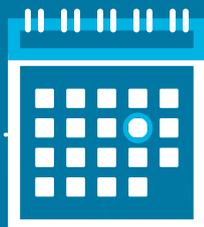
This puts some babies
at unnecessary risk

*2017 data from seven states/territories



12-fold
variation in
hospitalisation
rates for diabetes
complications, 2017–18

Better coordinated care can
reduce hospitalisations



1.6 x
repeat colonoscopy
rate in highest vs lowest
SES areas, 2018–19

People with greatest need may be
missing out – others may be getting
care they don't need.



30%↑
in myringotomy rates in
Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander children*

Good news, but still falling short of need
for managing severe ear disease

*Between 2012–13 and 2017–18