



## **POLICY ON EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SIGNAGE**

### **1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

- 1.1. This document is a policy of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine and relates to signage which should be used by emergency departments
- 1.2. The policy is applicable to emergency departments in general.

### **2. POLICY**

- 2.1. "Emergency" and "Emergency Department" signage should be restricted to facilities with 24 hour on site doctors where care is provided or supervised by an emergency physician in which facilities conform to ACEM standards.
- 2.2. Nationally uniform & consistent emergency department signage will assist individuals to correctly identify emergency departments.
- 2.3. Emergency department signage should consist of the word "Emergency" or "Emergency Department" in white letters on a red background complying with Australian Signage Standards.
- 2.4. The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine acknowledges that the symbols of the International Red Cross and the Swiss flag are protected symbols under Article 38 of the Geneva Convention.

### **3. PROCEDURE and ACTIONS**

- 3.1. Emergency department signage should incorporate the international symbol of a white cross on a blue background to indicate 24 hour on site medical presence.
- 3.2. Hospitals with 24 hour access to doctors but not necessarily a 24 hour onsite medical presence should use the international symbol of a white "H" on a blue background.
- 3.3. Hospitals without an emergency department should have signage clearly indicating this. The signage should include details of the nearest available emergency department.
- 3.4. Specialised emergency departments such as paediatric or eye and ear hospital emergency departments should have their area of specialisation clearly sign posted.