1. Why was the Australian acute coronary syndromes (ACS) capability framework developed?
   To define the health system capabilities required to deliver evidence-based care for patients experiencing an ACS event irrespective of where they live in Australia.

2. What is the purpose of the ACS capability framework?
   To support the implementation of the national Acute Coronary Syndromes clinical care standard.¹
   To assist health care services to make informed decisions by defining system requirements.
   To improve coordination of existing services to align the level of patient risk to the level of care.
   To guide health service providers, health organisations and governments to map and plan existing and new services.

3. Who was involved in the development of the ACS capability framework?
   Consumers and experts were engaged to help identify service categories, associated clinical services, systems linkages and communication, workforce requirements and clinical governance.
   Once service categories were agreed upon, specialised clinicians were responsible for reviewing and/or developing service descriptions and refining the requirements for the minimum capability criteria at each level of service.

4. How is the ACS capability framework model depicted?
   The framework model articulates four levels of health service.
   The services are Pre-hospital emergency care, Category A service – Hospital with an emergency service, Category B service – Hospital with an emergency department (ED) and Category C service – Tertiary cardiac centre.
   Each service is categorised according to the expected level of clinical service provision.

5. How is the ACS capability framework meant to be used?
   The Framework is meant to be used as a companion document to the Guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes and Acute coronary syndrome clinical care standard and Indicator specification: Acute coronary syndromes clinical care standard.

6. How can I access a copy of the Framework?
   You can download the Framework via the Heart Foundation website at HeartFoundation.org.au/ACS.

7. How can my health care organisation or I provide feedback regarding the ACS capability framework?
   You can provide feedback via the following link HeartFoundation.org.au/ACS.

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8. Who can I contact regarding the ACS capability framework?

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