# Point of Care Testing: a situational assessment

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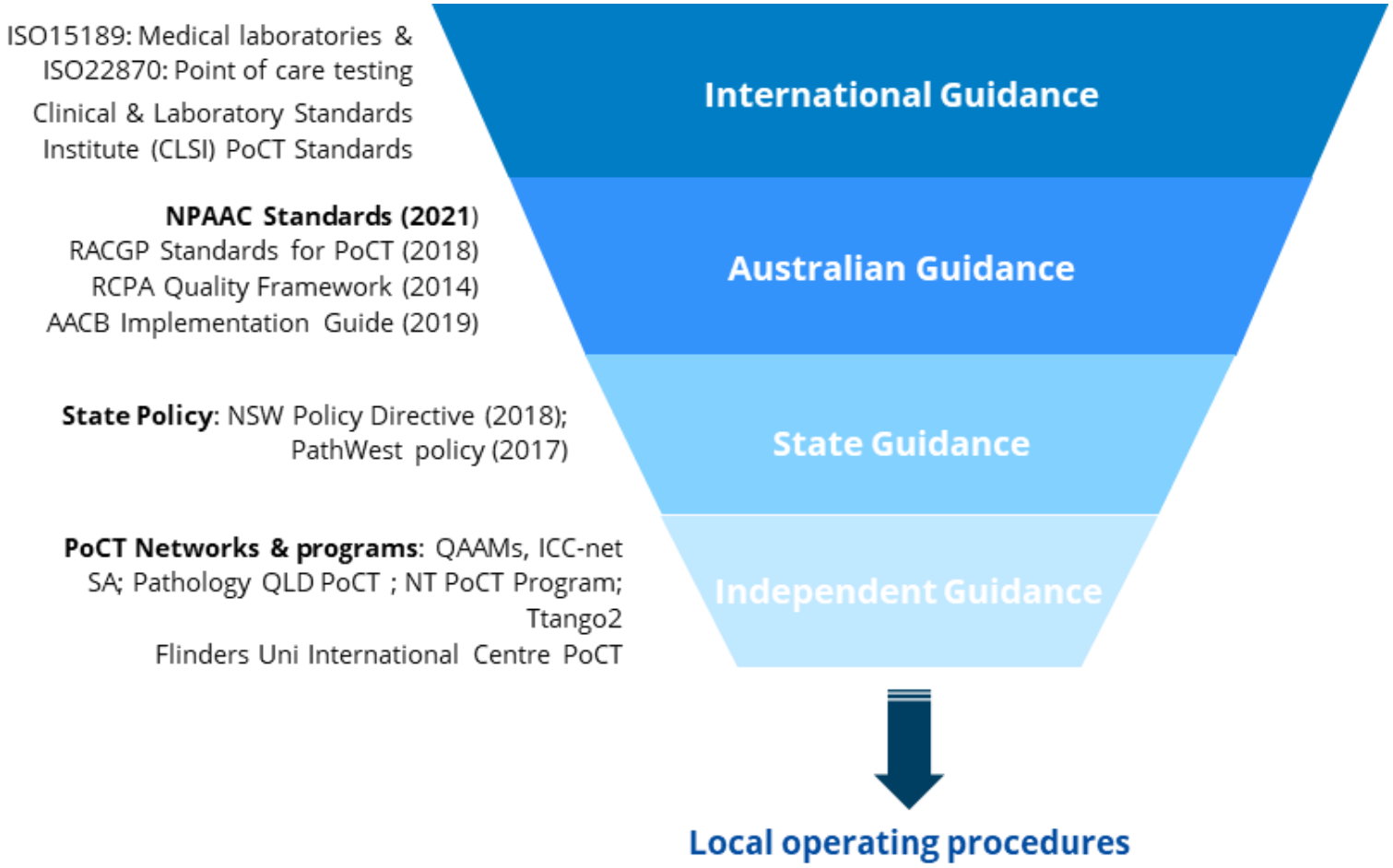
# PoCT landscape

Beyond marketing approval by the TGA, there is currently no comprehensive, national framework governing *what, when*, *where* and *how* PoCT is performed: i.e. the selection, implementation, quality assurance and reporting of PoCT usage by all health services in Australia.




| NATA accredited sites (ISO15189) | |
|---|---|
| ACT | 3 |
| NSW | 36 |
| QLD | 8 |
| SA | 47 |
| TAS | 10 |
| VIC | 51 |
| WA | 5 |
| **Total** | **160** |

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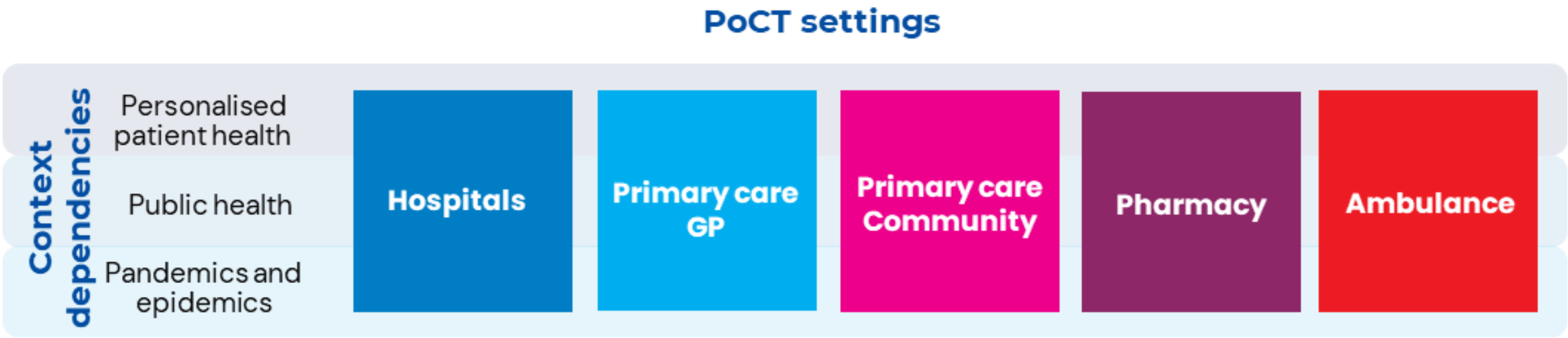
- PoCT occur in a variety of healthcare settings with different considerations and depending on the context



# PoCT considerations

## Governance

- Accreditation of PoCT
  eg. RCPA, NATA, TGA, NPAAC
- Quality management
- Monitoring PoCT update, results, clinical outcomes for effectiveness
- Relevant Australian policies

## Operations

- Logistics of test within clinical workflows
- Reporting of results (to patient, clinician, health department)
- Use of data and linkage with other systems
- Changes to workforce and training

# Next steps

- Qualitative data collection: interviews with users, coordinators and key opinion leaders on PoCT use
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