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Welcome to the Spring 2024 edition of Medilink

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Welcome to the latest edition of Medilink, our publication for General Practitioners.

In this edition we are proud to showcase some of our areas of focus, around which we have built a strong reputation for clinical excellence and innovation. In the areas of Orthopaedic Surgery, Breast Surgery and Minimally Invasive Surgery we have recently achieved Centre of Excellence status following independent accreditation by the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC). This recognition adds to our existing centres of excellence in Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and Robotic Surgery.

The Wesley Hospital has a strong history of innovation in cardiology, and we recently performed a world-first minimally invasive heart valve replacement and Queensland-first minimally invasive cardiac robotic

surgery – Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG). Further details of these important ‘firsts’ are detailed in this edition of Medilink.

At the forefront of robotic surgery in Australia, The Wesley Hospital has the biggest robotic program in the country. The most recent step in our robotic journey has seen us acquire our third da Vinci robot – making us the only hospital in Queensland to house three da Vinci Robots. Our new robot builds on our ‘family’ of four surgical robots which comprises of three da Vinci surgical robots and one Stryker Mako orthopaedic robot.

The Wesley Hospital campus has always supported collaboration between our medical specialists and our fabulous clinical partners. One of these, GenesisCare has been on the Wesley campus for over 35 years,

providing world-class radiation oncology services. We discuss this important partnership and its history in this edition.

We hope you enjoy this edition of Medilink and we look forward to assisting you in the care of your patients at The Wesley Hospital.

Jason Burton
General Manager



GP Education

We are delighted to be hosting face-to-face GP education at The Wesley. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces and welcome new doctors at our events.

So far this year we have held CPDs covering topics including robotics, women's health, orthopaedics, cardiology and men's health. These popular events provide a regular forum to update our referring doctors on medical advancements at The Wesley Hospital and form a great chance for networking amongst peers.

To keep up-to-date with our education program, you can register online at www.wesley.com.au/health-professionals/gp-education, which has a dedicated GP section with resources and event information available.

A reminder also that our specialists are available to meet you in person at your practice and have a one-on-one discussion with your team. If you are interested in meeting some of our Visiting Medical Practitioners please do not hesitate to contact the Business Development Unit Wesley.bdm@uhealth.com.au



LOOK OUT FOR

The Wesley Hospital has developed a Cardiac and Orthopaedic Quick Reference Guide to create an easy pathway for referring patients. These should have arrived at your practice. If your practice needs more copies please email Wesley.bdm@uhealth.com.au





Wesley Hospital named Australia's first Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence

In an Australian first, The Wesley Hospital has been recognised as a Centre of Excellence in Orthopaedic Surgery following an accreditation from the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC).

The SRC are an international, independent, patient safety organisation which provide accreditations for surgical facilities and medical professionals globally.

The Wesley Hospital has officially been named a Centre of Excellence in Orthopaedic Surgery (COEOS) and Centre of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Surgery (COEMIS) by the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC). In addition to this the hospital has been reaccredited as a Centre of Excellence in Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (COEMBS) and Robotic Surgery (COERS).

The SRC is an international not for profit organisation which provides independent accreditations to hospitals and medical professionals. A Centre

of Excellence is an internationally recognised accreditation in the hospital and medical community and highly desirable.

What is a Centre of Excellence?

The SRC are a not for profit, independent, patient safety organisation that provides accreditations for surgical facilities and medical professionals globally.

A Centre of Excellence must demonstrate,

- Culture. Establish and sustain a culture of quality and safety. Not just a certificate for the wall.
- Commitment. Let patients and prospective patients know that you are committed to superior care.
- Improvement. Create a

program of continuous quality improvement that is monitored and evaluated by an outside, patient safety organisation. SRC site inspections are both evaluative and consultative.

- Teamwork. Enhance recruitment of top clinicians and administrative staff. Establish esprit de corps within your department and facilitate teamwork.
- Distinction. Elevate yourself from non-accredited competitors and colleagues.



Wesley Hospital Centre of Excellence in Breast Surgery

The Wesley Hospital has received official recognition as a Centre of Excellence in Breast Surgery, following an independent accreditation by the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), an esteemed international patient safety organisation.

The SRC, known for providing accreditations to surgical facilities and medical professionals worldwide, conducted the accreditation process.

Breast Surgery is a cornerstone of The Wesley Hospital, which offers one of Brisbane's most comprehensive and multidisciplinary breast care services, catering to over 800 women annually.

With an impressive team comprising 10 breast and endocrine surgeons, 13 breast care nurses, 15 breast physicians, and a dedicated Women's Allied Health Service for pre and postoperative support, The Wesley Hospital stands as a

leader in breast surgery care.

Special congratulations are in order for Dr Kate Stringer, Breast and Endocrine Surgeon who earned the distinction of Surgeon of Excellence during the accreditation process.

This latest accreditation adds to The Wesley's four existing Centre of Excellence titles in Orthopaedic Surgery, Robotic Surgery, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, and Minimally Invasive Surgery.

By becoming part of the SRC community, we open doors to a global network of doctors, surgeons, and clinicians, providing expanded training and development opportunities for our teams.



GenesisCare, The Wesley: The only private radiation therapy practice offering brachytherapy treatment for gynaecological cancer patients in QLD

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In 2023 GenesisCare celebrated 35 years of providing radiation therapy services at The Wesley Hospital in Brisbane.

Throughout this time the department has prided itself on striving to offer a range of radiation modalities in order for patients to access a comprehensive oncological service. One of these has been brachytherapy, and GenesisCare continues to be the only radiation therapy practice that offers this service to treat gynaecological cancer in the private sector in Queensland.

Brachytherapy is integral in helping manage a number of malignancies. It is the standard of care in the treatment of cervical cancer, and may be used as an adjuvant therapy for endometrial cancer.[1-3] Brachytherapy is regarded as being a highly specialised treatment modality that necessitates subspeciality training by the craft groups involved in planning and delivering the treatment.[2] In addition, for each patient case, input is required from a multidisciplinary team of specialists including gynaecological oncologists,

radiation oncologists, radiation therapists, and physicists.[3]

A new piece of equipment that has only recently become commercially available was acquired by GenesisCare in 2023 – called the Geneva gynaecological applicator. This is an advanced piece of equipment that offers the delivery of curative doses of radiation at close range to the tumour being treated.[4] The brachytherapy team at GenesisCare has undergone training in the use of the Geneva applicator under the supervision of Elekta, the manufacturer of the kit. It has since been commissioned and is now in clinical use.

In some gynaecological oncology settings brachytherapy can be delivered alone, or at other times it may be used in tandem with external beam radiation therapy. In some cases, external beam radiation therapy is delivered without brachytherapy, and there may be a role for surgery and/or systemic therapy.[2]

The Wesley gynaecological multidisciplinary team discusses each case to determine the appropriate treatment modalities for that patient.

Doctors Marie Burke, Tuan Ha, and Art Kaminski welcome enquiries and referrals for radiation therapy treatment of gynaecological malignancies at The Wesley Hospital.



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Heart surgery performed using a robot in Queensland-first

We are excited to share with our GP network that Queensland patients now have access to minimally-invasive cardiac surgery performed using a robot, reducing the need for open heart surgery. Cardiac surgeon Dr Chris Cole performed a Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG) using the Da Vinci robot, in the Queensland-first procedure.

Dr Cole said that instead of a cut to the breast bone, as occurs in open heart surgery, the robot performs keyhole cuts to the side of the chest – a much less-invasive approach with benefits to the patient's recovery.

"If you have a cut to the breast bone, it's more painful, you have to go to intensive care for a few days before you go to the ward. Your recovery after that is limited from

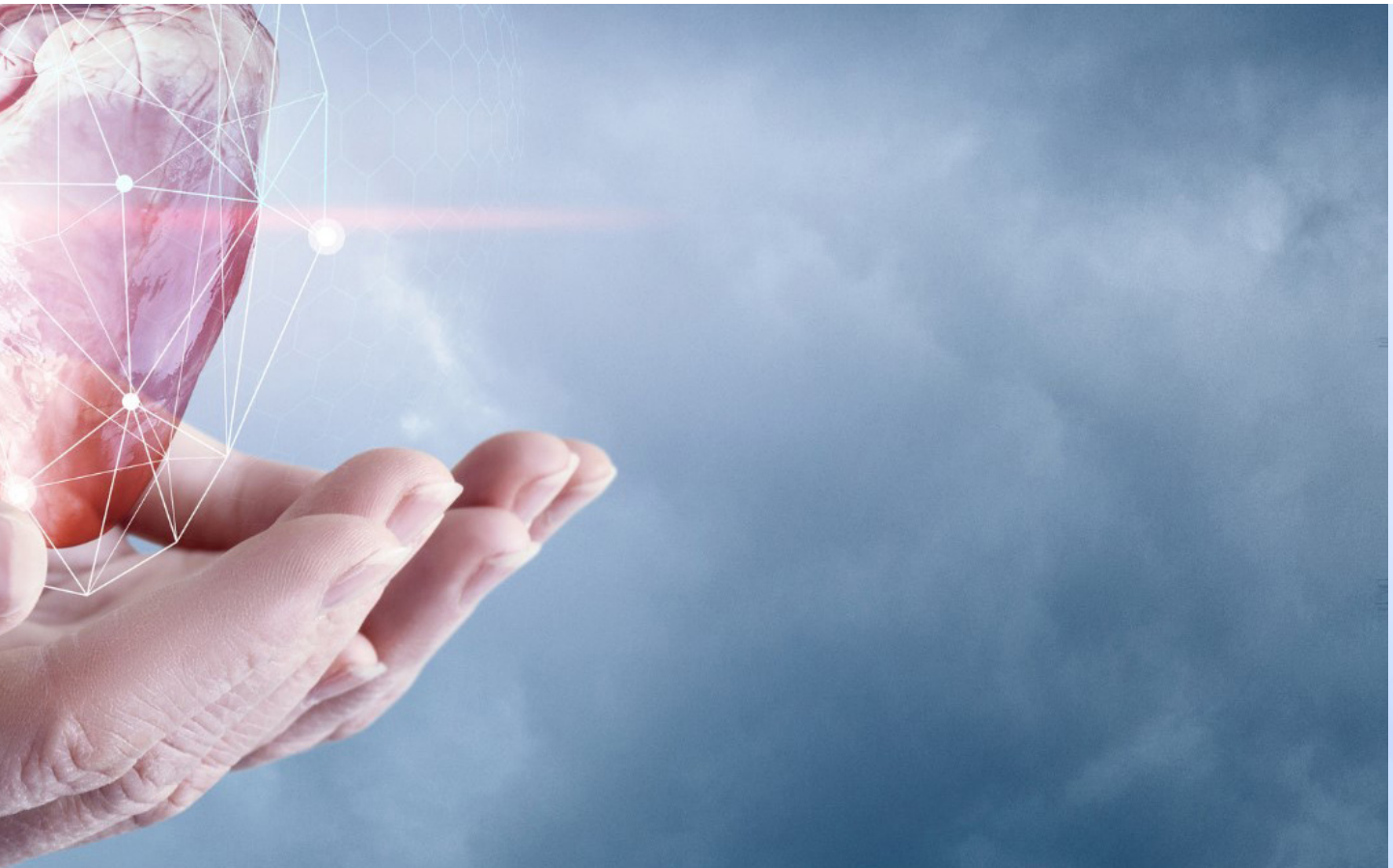
heavy lifting for three months, no driving for six weeks, it also means having a lengthy period of time off work."

Dr Cole explains that most patients aren't worried about being told they can't hang washing, or work around the home – but cannot face the mental barrier of open-heart surgery.

"In the traditional approach you

would also have a big scar down the middle of your chest. It's a really big mental barrier for patients to surgery – having a cut down their breastbone. As you can imagine, it feels very invasive.

"Using a robot with small cuts around the side of the chest, patients can go back to work the week after and there are no restrictions on their driving,



much less disruption to their lives and it's much less painful."

75-year-old Alan Edwards was the first patient in Queensland to access the surgery, at The Wesley Hospital in Brisbane.

After experiencing dizzy spells and faintness at a wedding, the grandfather of six was referred to a cardiologist, who found the otherwise fit and healthy Alan, had two blocked arteries.

Following the surgery, Alan woke in ICU next to his wife, without any pain.

"I'm looking forward to returning to playing golf again soon. I can only recommend the procedure to other people and would encourage men my age to stay on top of their heart health."

Dr Cole said support from The Wesley and other surgeons throughout the lengthy training has been outstanding.

"Everyone grabbed the idea and ran with it at every level ... nursing staff in theatre, medical staff and executive all supported it and have done everything they can to make it happen.

"The Wesley Robotics and Cardiac team is a well-established unit with a lot of expertise. I'm surrounded by a team who are very highly skilled at what they do."

WHAT IS CABG SURGERY?

CABG surgery is advised for selected groups of patients with significant narrowing and blockages of the heart arteries (coronary artery disease). The surgery involves taking a healthy blood vessel from another part of the body, which is used to make a new path for blood around a blocked artery leading to the heart. This restores the flow of oxygen and nutrients to the heart.



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Queensland cardiologists perform world-first heart valve replacement

The cardiology and cardiac surgical team at The Wesley Hospital are the first in the world to successfully perform a transcatheter heart valve replacement with a new cardiac implant.

Site Lead Investigators Dr Anthony Camuglia, Dr Chris Cole and Dr Sam Hayman performed the minimally invasive heart valve replacement procedure at The Wesley Hospital earlier this year, as part of a multicentre international clinical trial, spanning the UK, Europe and The US.

The team at The Wesley were the first in the world to implant the iteratively-designed prosthetic valve, in a patient considered too high-risk to undergo a traditional open-heart operative approach.

Dr Camuglia said the new type of mitral valve is a breakthrough for patients who previously had limited traditional treatment options.

"For many years we have provided the transcatheter mitral valve repair clip procedure, via a vein in the leg, for patients with a leaking incompetent mitral valve who are unsuitable for open chest surgery. But there are many patients who are not well-suited to either of these options.

"The ability to implant a bioprosthetic mitral valve via keyhole minimally invasive technique, through a vein in the groin, is a major step forward," Dr Camuglia said.

The Wesley Hospital patient Wendy Deering, had gradually been declining with symptoms of a failing heart and was at high risk of complications with standard open-heart techniques.

"I wasn't suitable for open heart surgery, and wasn't eligible for other options. Dr Camuglia said 'we've got this research trial – I think you'd be a good candidate for it'.

"I was over the moon when I found out I was accepted into the trial. I feel very privileged.

"Staff in here have been so good to me. I was in intensive care for one day and back on the ward by the next morning – they have been marvellous."

National Lead Interventional Cardiologist, Professor Stephen Worthley, said: "We are proud of our long-standing research partnerships, culminating in the world-first procedure at The Wesley Hospital in Brisbane."

"We are very excited to see where the rest of the study leads us and we look forward to continuing to partner with the structural heart team at The Wesley Hospital to improve the lives of thousands of Australians with mitral valve disease."

Dr Camuglia said the maturity and scope of the cardiac program at The Wesley Hospital allows Queenslanders to be among the first in the world to access innovative life-saving cardiac therapies, with The Wesley fostering cutting-edge contemporary cardiac services over decades.

"Being involved in these trials, allows access to technology to help treat patients who either didn't have an option for treatment in the past or whose only option was relatively high-risk open-heart surgery, that they may not have recovered very well from or survived."

General Manager of The Wesley Hospital Mr Jason Burton said The Wesley Hospital's expert cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons and imaging specialists are proud to be leading the way with this world first procedure.



“Our Structural Heart Program offers access to the latest research and innovations, so that we can focus on lower risk and better outcomes for our patients.”

FACTS TO KNOW

The Wesley Hospital is the only hospital in Queensland performing this procedure, and is one of only a handful selected for involvement in the study from around the country (other Australian sites are St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney and The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne).

One of the biggest reasons patients are excluded from receiving Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement technologies is due to the risk of left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) obstruction. The position of a prosthesis (valve implant) within the mitral valve makes this a difficult obstacle to overcome. LVOT obstruction would not allow enough blood to pass from the left ventricle to the rest of the body.

HighLife's Clarity Valve, which is being used under the HighFLO clinical trial aims to remove the risk

of LVOT obstruction by removing some of the dacron (biocompatible polymer material) coating around the valve cage in the region of the LVOT. This, in theory, should allow far more patients to be enrolled in TMVR clinical trials and ultimately allow more patients to have a treatment option for Mitral Regurgitation when unfit for surgery.

There are 12 sites currently approved to treat patients globally, with The Wesley Hospital, Brisbane, successfully treating the first in the world.

Special achievements

We are proud to share that The Wesley Hospital has been ranked in the top 300 cardiac hospitals in the world. The Wesley is the only private hospital in QLD that made the list - 1 of 12 in the country. An incredible achievement from our cardiac team and a very exclusive list to be part of. Rankings are selected by NewsWeek in partnership with Statista and look at hospitals that use the most advanced technologies in patient care, including artificial intelligence, digital imaging, telemedicine, robotics, and electronic functionalities.





Heart Services at The Wesley

The Wesley Hospital's cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons and allied health professionals provide comprehensive cardiac services, including elective and emergency heart surgery; interventional cardiology; and cardiac rehabilitation programs:

- Interventional cardiac procedures
- Electrophysiology and arrhythmia management
- Structural Heart Program
- STEMI program

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comprehensive cardiac services, including elective and emergency heart surgery; interventional cardiology; and cardiac rehabilitation programs.

CARDIAC SURGERY

The Wesley's cardiac surgery unit includes cardiac post-operative Intensive Care Unit, cardiac catheter theatres and a specialised cardiac operating theatre. We provide elective and emergency surgical services for patients requiring advanced cardiac and thoracic surgical care.

CARDIAC REHABILITATION

Cardiac rehabilitation is an exercise and education program for people

who have suffered an acute cardiac event, been recently hospitalised and have a medical referral to the cardiac rehabilitation program.

CARDIOLOGY

Cardiology deals specifically with the catheter-based treatment of structural heart diseases. At The Wesley Hospital, many procedures are performed on the heart by catheterisation.

CARDIAC ROBOTIC SERVICE

As a centre of excellence in robotic surgery the Wesley is the first in Queensland to offer minimally invasive robotic cardiac surgery, reducing the impact of surgery and recovery time.



The Wesley Hospital Makes History: First in Queensland to House Three Da Vinci Robots

The Wesley Hospital is celebrating becoming the first hospital in Queensland to acquire three da Vinci Xi Surgical Robots, purchased to meet an increased demand for robotic surgeries.

The Wesley Hospital is the only hospital in Australia who is an accredited Centre of Excellence in Robotic Surgery having performed over 10,000 robotics surgeries.

Robot-assisted surgery is a minimally invasive surgery performed through small incisions using high-definition, 3DHD cameras and specially designed surgical tools.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Trisha O'Moore-Sullivan, highlighted the growing preference for robotic surgeries among patients and surgeons.

"There are numerous benefits to robotic surgery which can include, expedited recovery times, minimal invasiveness, reduced pain, and lowered risks of infection and complications post operatively,"

Dr O'Moore-Sullivan said.

"Contrary to popular belief, robotic surgery doesn't mean that robots are performing your surgery. Instead, a surgeon controls robotic arms with extreme precision, they are using it as a tool to improve patient outcomes giving unparalleled flexibility and precision during surgery.

"Another benefit of having three surgical robots in the hospital is we are able to train more up and coming young doctors to use them, maximising their theatre training."

General Manager Jason Burton underscored the hospital's proactive response to escalating surgical demands.

"The da Vinci Xi robot has emerged as a pivotal tool in oncological interventions, notably in the removal of cancers affecting the prostate, bowel, colon and rectum, as well as and gynaecological cancers," he said.

"Expanding the robotic surgery program at The Wesley Hospital opens doors to a myriad of minimally invasive surgical options across various specialties including urology, gynaecology, colorectal, thoracic, gastro-intestinal and the first ever robotic cardiac surgery in Queensland which was performed here at the Wesley by Dr Chris Cole.

"This strategic initiative reaffirms the hospital's commitment to providing advanced surgical solutions to its patients, thereby ensuring optimal outcomes and enhanced quality of care."



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Patient support service

We are proud to announce that The Wesley Hospital has implemented a new service designed to provide non-clinical support to patients who are at risk of experiencing loneliness during their hospital stay.

The Vulnerable In-Patient service (VIP) is an extension of the award-winning [End of Life Compassionate Care service](#) created by Wesley Hospital Chaplain Leanne Duncan.

The service connects trained volunteers with patients who are identified at risk of loneliness during

their hospital stay. Volunteers consult with the Nurse Managers on the ward to decide which patients would be appropriate for a visit.

The service has been trialled on a geriatric ward and shown many positive impacts on both staff and patients.

Further Information:

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Room Service

The Wesley Hospital has transformed our patient meal experience with room service. The introduction of an on demand, hotel-style room service model is allowing patients to eat what they want, when they want.

Patients are able to order meals from an a la carte restaurant style menu, via the CBORD patient app or by phoning our dedicated call centre team. The meals will be cooked to order and delivered within 45 minutes. Patients have their dietary requirements pre-loaded into the ordering system minimising any risk of them eating the wrong food.

Clinical staff are also alerted to patients who do not order meals or who do not eat their food. This information will be shared with you as and when appropriate.

Other hospitals around the country have introduced room service and have reported many benefits including reduced rates of malnutrition in patients, reduce food waste and increased customer satisfaction.

For patients who are unable to order their loved ones are welcome to order on their behalf otherwise a Nutrition Assistant can be assigned to the patient to help them.

GenesisCare, The Wesley:

The only private radiation therapy practice offering brachytherapy treatment for gynaecological cancer patients in QLD

Services offered

Brachytherapy is a type of high-dose, internal radiation therapy (RT), used in an adjuvant setting for the treatment of some gynaecological cancers.¹

The addition of brachytherapy helps provide an extra boost of radiation with the aim to improve disease control and increase survival.¹

Vaginal vault brachytherapy is offered as an outpatient service, while cervical brachytherapy is an inpatient service.

How to refer:

If you would like to discuss your patient's treatment options please contact one of our radiation oncologists

Our preferred referral pathway:

Medical Objects – Genesis Cancer Care

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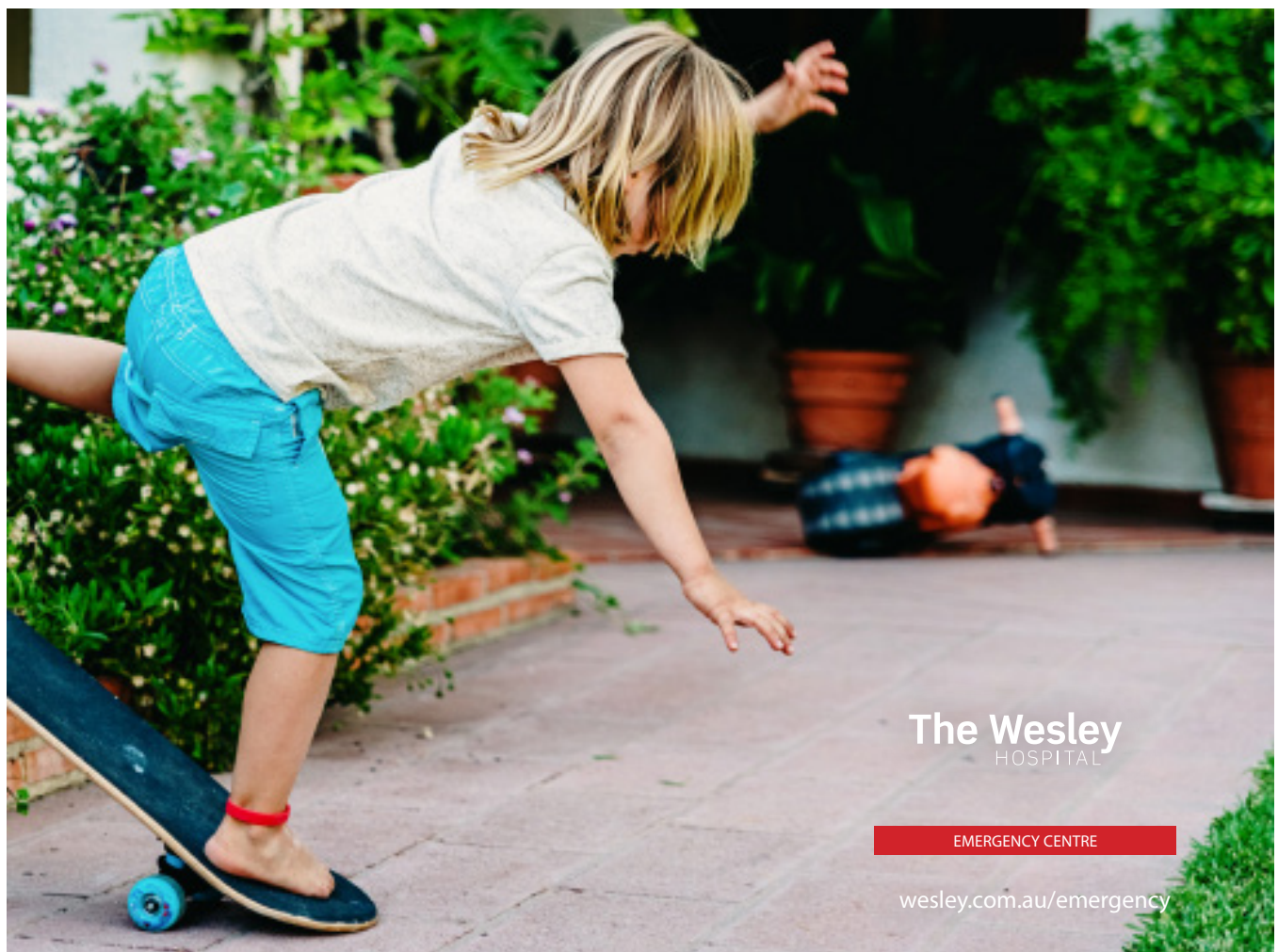
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At St. Vincent's he worked in a quaternary inflammatory bowel disease unit which gave him great insight into its management. From St Vincent's Dr Croese stayed in Melbourne but went on to work at the Footscray Hospital, a high volume cancer centre, where he was the accredited CSSANZ fellow. His second year as a CSSANZ colorectal fellow was completed at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane which is home to Queensland's only peritonectomy service.

Following completion of his CSSANZ Fellowship Dr Croese returned to his home town of

Townsville where he had a busy public and private practice. Due to family reasons he relocated back to Brisbane where he is working at the Wesley and Princess Alexandra Hospitals.

Special Interests

- Laparoscopic colorectal cancer surgery
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Functional pelvic floor disorders.



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Dr Matthew Burrage is a clinical and academic cardiologist with subspecialty training and expertise in Heart Failure and Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging (echocardiography, cardiac CT, and cardiac MRI).

His clinical interests include the diagnosis and management of heart failure and pulmonary hypertension, valvular and structural heart disease, cardiomyopathies (including cardiac amyloidosis), coronary artery disease, general and preventative cardiology, and improving cardiometabolic health. He also has special interest and expertise in cardio-oncology (the management of cardiovascular disease in patients with cancer or undergoing cancer treatment). He provides a range of services at The Wesley Hospital in Brisbane, including clinical consultation, transthoracic and stress echocardiography, transoesophageal echocardiography (TOE), cardioversion, and right heart catheterisation.

After growing up in Brisbane and graduating from the University of

Queensland School of Medicine, Dr Burrage completed his advanced training in cardiology at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. He was subsequently awarded a prestigious and highly competitive British Heart Foundation clinical and research fellowship to undertake a PhD in cardiovascular medicine at the University of Oxford and John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK, with a focus on cardiac MRI, heart failure, and cardio-oncology research. He then undertook further training in advanced heart failure at Royal Papworth Hospital in Cambridge, the UK's leading specialist cardiothoracic hospital, as well as completing a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Heart Failure at the University of Zürich in Switzerland. Dr Burrage then returned to Brisbane and completed his subspecialty training in cardiovascular imaging with a fellowship in Advanced and Structural Echocardiography at The Prince Charles Hospital.



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He specialises in oncoplastic breast surgical techniques to maintain the aesthetics of the breast post cancer surgery.

He is a current Board member of BreastSurgANZ and has been the previous Director of Breast Care Services at the Royal Brisbane and Women's hospital from 2017 until 2020. He has a major focus in teaching and is the current chair of Breast Fellowship training in Australia and New Zealand.

Ben promotes a personalised patient centred focus in the management of breast cancer, he works closely with the support of a specialised Breast Care nurse to

provide support to both patients and their families.

Professional Representations:

Council member BreastSurgANZ

Chair post fellowship training in Breast surgery for Australia and New Zealand

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Dr Matthew Rowe began his studies with a Bachelor of Science, followed by a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) at the University of Queensland, graduating in 2009. Following his General Medical training he trained in Cardiology at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. He was awarded Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 2017.

Matthew then undertook a further year of Fellowship training in Pacing and Electrophysiology at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. Following this he spent a further 2 years at the renowned London Health Sciences Centre in Canada focussing on ablation of atrial fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia as well as complex cardiac device management.

Matthew has published research articles in Australian and international peer-reviewed

medical journals on topics such as physiological pacing, atrial fibrillation and genetically inherited arrhythmias. He is a member of the Queensland Electrophysiology and Pacing Research Alliance and is an investigator in a number of national and international clinical trials. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at Griffith University and also teaches medical students from the University of Queensland and Griffith University.

His special interests include heart rhythm disorders, pacemakers and defibrillators, ablation of arrhythmias and genetically inherited cardiac conditions.

Currently he is employed as a Staff Specialist Electrophysiologist at the Princess Alexandra Hospital as well as consulting and performing procedures at the Wesley Hospital.



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Dr Rhett Morton is a subspecialist gynaecological oncologist and gynaecologist.

Rhett commenced his career as a medical engineer for an international medical device company. He then went on to study medicine graduating with honours.

Rhett trained in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney network and completed fellowship training in Gynaecological Oncology at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Sydney; Mercy Hospital for Women, Melbourne; and the Queensland Centre for Gynaecological Cancer - Royal Brisbane Women's and Mater Hospitals.

He has completed further study in palliative and supportive care and global health. Rhett has an interest in minimally invasive surgery, sentinel node mapping and molecular based management

of gynaecological cancers.

He is a member of Queensland Centre for Gynaecological Cancer and its Quality Assurance Committee and is actively involved in clinical research and teaching.



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After completing three years of Breast and Endocrine fellowships, she accepted a staff specialist position at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in 2016.

Dr Murugappan has continued to indulge her passion for clinical teaching and research in her role as Senior Lecturer with UQ. She is currently involved in clinical trials and research projects with a growing body of published research.

Over the years, Dr. Murugappan has proven to be a compassionate and dedicated Oncoplastic and Reconstructive Breast Surgeon providing high quality of care for women diagnosed with Breast cancer. She ensures that

her patients understand their management options and thus feel empowered in their decisions. Dr. Murugappan values the personalised surgical care of patients with breast cancer in a multidisciplinary team environment.

Now expanding into private practice at the Wesley, Dr Murugappan values strong relationships and communication with her patients and their primary care physicians.



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Dr Patrick Pearce is a neurosurgeon and spine surgeon who joined the Briz Brain & Spine team in 2022. He has particular interests in: general neurosurgery, neuro-oncology and spine surgery.

Growing up in Brisbane, Dr Pearce completed his undergraduate medical training at the University of Queensland before undertaking initial medical training at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and Princess Alexandra Hospital. He relocated to Melbourne to undertake further neurosurgical training at the Royal Melbourne, Royal Children's and St Vincent's Hospital. Following this, he returned to Brisbane where he completed his final years of training at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. He also undertook further sub-specialty training in spine surgery and has since completed a spine fellowship.

Dr Pearce now holds a consultant

neurosurgeon position at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in addition to his private practice at Briz Brain & Spine. He has a keen interest in teaching and learning with affiliations to the University of Queensland. Dr Pearce is also heavily involved in research and teaching, having presented at a number of national and international forums and publishing a number of research papers.

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Dr Archana Rao supports women in the diagnosis and management of malignant and pre-malignant gynaecological conditions and has expertise in the surgical treatment of patients with gynaecological cancers. Her specialties are broad and include gynaecological oncology, colonoscopy (RANZCOG C-QUIP certified), and laparoscopic surgery and complex open surgery for benign and malignant gynaecological conditions.

Dr Rao also has extensive experience in surgical education and training. She is responsible for supervising and teaching trainees at all levels.

Dr Rao achieved a Bachelor of Medical Science (BSc Med) and Bachelor of Medicine, Honours Class II (MBBS Hons) from the University of NSW in 2000. This was followed with a Fellowship with RANZCOG in 2010, and a Master of Medicine in Clinical Epidemiology (MMed) and Certification in Gynaecology Oncology (CGO) with RANZCOG in 2014.

In NSW, she worked and trained at the John Hunter Hospital, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, the Royal Hospital for Women, and St George Hospital. In Queensland, she worked and trained at the Queensland Centre for Gynaecological Cancer at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and Mater Mother's Hospital.

Dr Rao is currently a Senior Staff Specialist at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

She is also Chair of the RANZCOG Gynaecological Oncology (CGO) Committee, a Member of RANZCOG Subspecialties Committee and Education Strategy Committee, a Member of the Australian Society of Gynaecological Oncology Executive, and a Senior Lecturer at The University of Queensland.

She was introduced to gynaecological oncology, obstetrics and gynaecology as a junior doctor and appreciated the holistic nature of the care and the opportunities to contribute to improvements in care through involvement in research and teaching.



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Dr Sarah Robinson is a Queensland-trained Obstetrician and Gynaecologist. Dr Robinson was born and raised in Brisbane. She is a dedicated obstetrician and gynaecologist, bringing compassion and expertise to her practice.

She provides personalised and evidence-based care throughout the entire pregnancy journey. Sarah has delivered countless bundles of joy, prioritising the well-being of both mother and baby.

Sarah completed her medical degree at the University of Notre Dame in Perth, after which she returned to Queensland to be close to her family. She achieved her Masters in Reproductive Medicine (University of NSW) whilst completing her fellowship with the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists at both rural and tertiary hospitals.

Her years of advanced training

were undertaken at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital which ensured she gained considerable experience in both high-risk obstetrics and advanced gynaecological laparoscopic surgery. When not studying or working, Sarah enjoys spending time with her family at home or on beach holidays. They regularly go swimming, running and cycling which put life in a wonderful perspective every day.



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Dr. Kristen Moloney is a Gynaecologist and Certified Gynaecologic Oncologist, specialising in the management of benign, pre-invasive and malignant gynaecologic pathologies. Committed to holistic patient care, Kris provides comprehensive services in both the public and private sector with appointments to practice at both The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) and The Wesley Hospital.

Kris was awarded the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) from Monash University in 2009 and attained Fellowship of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRANZCOG) in 2018. Kris then pursued sub-speciality training in Gynaecologic Oncology at Mercy Hospital for Women in Melbourne, The Hunter New England Centre for Gynaecologic Cancer in New South Wales, and the Queensland Centre for Gynaecologic Cancer (RBWH and Mater Hospital).

Kris is a passionate educationalist and is currently pursuing a Masters of Surgical Education with The

University of Melbourne. As a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine at The University of Queensland, Kris shares her knowledge and expertise with the next generation of medical professionals. Kris serves on the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) Board of Examiners for Certification in Gynaecologic Oncology (CGO) and is a member of the RANZCOG CGO sub-committee, working with colleagues across Australia and New Zealand to uphold the highest standards of education and training for Gynaecologic Oncology trainees.

Kris recognises the value of both collaboration and continuous professional development – she holds a position on the executive committee of the Australian Society for Gynaecologic Oncology (ASGO) and maintains memberships with The Australian and New Zealand Gynaecologic Oncology Group (ANZGOG), the Australian Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP), the International Gynaecologic Cancer Society and the Australian Medical Association.



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Dr Campbell completed her medical training at the University of NSW in Sydney. Following her residency she trained as a general surgery registrar in southeast Queensland and completed a Masters in Medicine from the University of Sydney during this time.

After being awarded her FRACS in 2018, Dr Campbell completed two years of post-fellowship training at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital before being accepted onto the BreastSurg ANZ training program for Oncoplastic breast surgeons.

She trained at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne before completing her training at the Westmead Breast Cancer Institute in Sydney. She had the opportunity during this time to treat a broad range of simple and complex breast diseases and has deep knowledge of up to date clinical trials and options available for treatment of her patients.

She is trained in oncoplastic breast surgery techniques which aim to achieve the best possible cosmetic outcomes for breast cancer patients.

Dr Campbell is a supporter of breast cancer awareness initiatives and is committed to advancing breast cancer treatment and empowering women facing this diagnosis. She is a strong advocate for multidisciplinary team care and believes in providing tailored treatment to meet her patient's psychosocial and medical needs.

Dr Campbell prides herself on being a kind, approachable and empathetic surgeon.



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Andrew is a consultant colorectal surgeon, with a broad experience in all aspects of colorectal surgery. He is an experienced and accomplished laparoscopic surgeon. he consults at the QLD Pelvic floor centre in Bowen Hills and operates and performs colonoscopies at The Wesley Hospital.

Andrew completed his Batchelor of Medicine and Surgery at Sheffield University medical school in the north of England in 2001. He completed his eleven years of basic and higher surgical training in South Wales and London.

He spent 2 years in medical research obtaining a research MD from the university of Cardiff and now supervises medical students and colorectal surgery PhD Students for UQ as a senior lecturer.

Following achieving his fellowship in general and colorectal surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 2016 he came to Brisbane to do a post training fellowship in laparoscopic colorectal surgery.

He and his family enjoyed Queensland so much they have made it their home, and he became a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Andrew has worked for 6 years as a colorectal consultant in Australia. Andrew is a keen researcher with a special interest in the management of colorectal cancer, malignant polyps and in familial colorectal conditions. He provides advice and management of all aspects of colorectal surgery and proctology.

Andrew takes a friendly approach to care, enjoys getting to know patients and helping them understand their colorectal conditions, aiming to make them feel as comfortable as possible. He believes in an evidence-based individualised approach to care. Andrew is always happy to be contacted for clinical enquires.



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Dr Angus Moxon is an Orthopaedic Surgeon with a special interest in lower limb conditions, particularly those of the knee, foot and ankle. Highlighting his expertise in this area, Dr Moxon is one of a select few surgeons in Queensland regularly performing minimally invasive foot surgery; an approach designed to minimise recovery time and the risk of infection.

Committed to excellence in his field, Dr Moxon honed his skills in lower limb surgery through spending time with respected knee, foot and ankle specialists in Australia and overseas, and worked regularly with Dr Terry Saxby, one of the most highly regarded foot and ankle surgeons in Australia, for almost 2 years.

Dr Moxon's previous experience as a Physiotherapist provides him with unique insight into the effects of musculoskeletal conditions on patient mobility and daily functioning and allows him to

provide superior guidance regarding patient rehabilitation following surgery.

After completing his specialist training in Queensland, Dr Moxon was appointed to the role of Deputy Director of Orthopaedics at Ipswich Hospital, and was subsequently promoted to Director in July 2016, a position he held for nearly 5 years.

Dr Moxon is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons and a member of the Australian Orthopaedic Association and Australian Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society. He is also a member of GRECMIP; an international group for research and study into minimally invasive surgery of the foot, after completing their advanced training course in Madrid.



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Dr Kelly Stanton is providing a consulting and cardiac testing service.

She is a clinical cardiologist with experience in all aspects of cardiac care. She has a strong interest in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease including heart attacks, lipid disorders, heart failure, valvular heart disease, and exercise and sports cardiology. In addition to being a clinical cardiologist, she is a cardiac imaging specialist with expertise in echocardiography, exercise stress testing, cardiac MRI and cardiac CT (calcium score and CT coronary angiogram).

She also specialises in exercise and sports cardiology and occupational cardiology, with speciality training in aviation medicine, and is registered with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority as well as working with Defence to keep our service personnel healthy.

She completed her specialist training in cardiology in 2014 at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney

and has completed a cardiac MRI fellowship at Cardiovascular Medical Resonance Sydney.

She has worked with cyclists (National Road Series), soccer players (A-league club) and kayakers (previous Olympic athletes), as well as occupational athletes such as army soldiers, whose work places high demands on the cardiovascular system. She was awarded a National Health and Medical Research Council scholarship for her PhD and has published in international medical journals.

Dr Stanton was awarded the Bryan Hudson medal for the highest achieving physician in Australasia for her specialist exams. She is passionate about advancing medical research and education and is an examiner for doctors completing their specialist exams through the Royal Australian College of Physicians and is the clinical lead for Medical Specialities at the University of Queensland Royal Brisbane Clinical Unit.



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Dr Boyle graduated from medical school at the University of Glasgow in 2010, undertaking an additional Bachelor of Medical Science degree in Sports Medicine for which she was awarded a scholarship to continue her research in the field of exercise in cardiac rehabilitation. She was competitively appointed to an academic foundation training programme position which she completed in 2012 working in university hospitals in Glasgow in the UK NHS before moving to Australia.

Dr Boyle gained experience in obstetric cardiology whilst working at both the Mater Hospital and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospitals. Following completion of training in 2019, she completed a sub-specialty fellowship in echocardiography and cardiac CT at the Princess Alexandra Hospital before moving to London to complete further sub-specialty training in cardiac MRI and obstetric cardiology at the Royal

Brompton Hospital in Chelsea. Her main areas of clinical practice and research are obstetric cardiology, with an ongoing commitment to improving maternal cardiovascular health, multimodality imaging in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac diseases, and exercise and preventative cardiology.

Dr Boyle holds certification with National Board of Echocardiography and has accreditation in CT Coronary Angiography and Cardiac MRI. She is also a member of the Society of Cardiovascular CT, is a current serving committee member for the Society of Cardiovascular MR and holds membership with the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ). She is a Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Queensland and at Griffith University.



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Dr Sophia Ly completed her specialist radiation oncology training in Queensland in 2022. Following this Sophia completed a clinical radiation oncology fellowship in Thoracic and Gastrointestinal Oncology at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto from 2023-2024.

Sophia is excited to be back in Brisbane where she has commenced her private practice with GenesisCare, the Wesley and Chermside. Sophia will also be attending the Fraser Coast Centre on a fortnightly basis.

Special Clinical interests: Thoracic, gastrointestinal (upper and lower), breast and palliative radiation therapy.