GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Ward 2B: General Surgical (Gynae, Colo-rectal, Bariatric & Breast) **QEII Hospital**

Graduate Nursing Program

Hospital Overview

- QEII is a medium-sized hospital with 205 beds with an additional 44 beds offsite and more than 1700 staff.
- Currently QEII is undergoing an expansion project to add another 112-bed specialised surgical facility by 2027 to assist with future growth and become the premier surgical hospital for Metro South Health.
- QEII provides a range of inpatient and outpatient services including general medicine, general surgical, cardiology, geriatric medicine, intensive care, acute stroke, palliative care, and has a state-of-the-art Emergency Department and Endoscopy Suite.
- Accredited Pathway to Excellence® hospital providing a positive practice environment where nurses can flourish.

Our Staff

QEII employs over 1700 staff including:

- 972 nurses
- 355 medical officers
- 133 allied health professionals



Our Activity

In the 2022 – 2023 financial year there were:

- Over 35 000 patients admitted to QEII
- Over 65 000 patients treated in the Emergency Department
- 6 700 patient procedures conducted in the Endoscopy Suite

Aim of the Graduate Program

- Assist the graduate nurse to transition from novice to competent practitioner.
- Provide structured learning experiences that will assist the graduate registered nurse to develop their required clinical knowledge and skills.
- Support the graduate in both education and clinical environments.
- Promote the development of confidence in clinical practice.
- Provide adequate organisational support and practice-based education to assist the graduates successful transition into the workplace and to remain satisfied in the profession long term.

Find out more

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Unit information

Ward 2B is a 30-bed surgical unit specialising in the care and management of acute General Surgical, Gynaecology, Colorectal, Breast and Bariatric patients.

In Ward 2B we provide a high standard of patient focused care through assessment, planning, early intervention, and evaluation of surgical needs to support patients achieving optimal health outcomes.

We work within a large Interdisciplinary team including Medical Officers, Allied Health, and Executive Nursing team to achieve best patient outcomes.

Our Staff

Ward 2B has a large team of nursing staff including a Nurse Unit Manager (NUM), Clinical Nurses (CN), Registered Nurses (RN), Enrolled Nurse Advanced Skills (ENAS) and Assistant in Nursing (AIN).

The surgical education team provide support to surgical graduates throughout the graduate program. The surgical education team consists of a Surgical Nurse Educator and two Surgical Clinical Facilitators that support across Surgical Services – Ward 2A, Ward 2B, Urodynamics and Specialist Outpatients department.

Metro South Hospital Initiatives



Common Surgical Presentations & Procedures

- Bowel resections including formation of stomas
- Breast surgeries including reconstruction
- Scopes colonoscopy and endoscopy
- Cholecystectomy
- Hernias
- Varicose veins
- Gastric sleeve/banding
- Rectal/anal surgery
- Appendectomy
- Fundoplication
- Splenectomy
- Thyroidectomy
- Laparoscopies procedures for investigation
- Hysterectomy
- Sepsis

Graduate opportunities

- Learn and consolidate specialist surgical skills
- Management of post-operative patients across multiple specialities
- Management and escalation of the deteriorating patient
- Online and face-to-face learning
 - Opportunity to undertake quality initiatives

