

Ward 3A: General Medical and Palliative Care

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.

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QEII Jubilee Hospital



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Unit Information

3A aims to provide a high standard of specialised, efficient, and safe, person-centred care to patients admitted to our service, utilising a coordinated multidisciplinary approach. This is achieved by utilising an evidence-based approach, supported by ongoing research and education.

Ward 3A is a 22-bed unit with:

- 10 dedicated palliative beds
- 12 acute medical beds

Palliative Care

Palliative care is holistic care that helps people and their families live their life as fully and as comfortably as possible when living with a life-limiting or terminal illness.

Palliative care identifies and treats symptoms which may be physical, emotional, spiritual, or social. We have a wide multi-disciplinary team including a counsellor for patients and their families.

We are linked with Metro South Community Palliative Care and patients have access to a 24-hour on call service.

Common 3A Presentations & Procedures

Acute and chronic medical conditions include:

- Respiratory Infections
- Cellulitis
- Kidney and urinary tract infections
- Diabetes management & DKA
- Infusions
- Sepsis

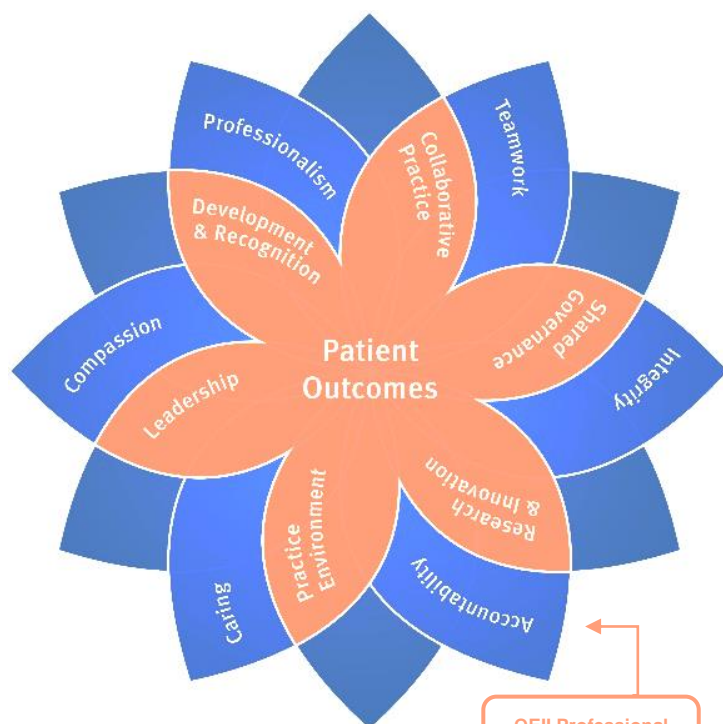
Metro South Palliative Care Services:

- Complex pain and symptom management
- Complex end of life care
- Palliative Care education
- Provision of emotional support for patients, family, and friends
- Access to grief and bereavement support
- Facilitation of smooth transition between hospital and community
- 24-hour on call service

Graduate placement opportunities

- Learn and consolidate specialist medical and palliative care nursing skills
- Management of acutely unwell medical patients across multiple specialities
- Management and escalation of the deteriorating patient
- Local medical/palliative care training
- Opportunity to undertake quality initiatives.

Metro South Hospital Initiatives



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