

# Ward 3B: General Medical and Surgical 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.

#### Find out more

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#### QEII Jubilee Hospital



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## Unit Information

3B 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 3B is an Acute Medical /Surgical Ward that accommodates a variety of patients with extensive comorbidities. Ward 3B is a 25-bed unit with:

- 3 isolation rooms
- 1 negative pressure room
- 8 surgical Beds

## Graduate Testimonial

“As a graduate nurse on the ward I was well supported from my co-workers. I was never made to feel alone nor frightened to ask for help. The staff are so friendly and encouraging. It is a great ward to begin your career especially if you are looking for a challenge and are interested in learning more about acute medical and surgical patients.” *Graduate Nurse 2019*

## Common Medical & Surgical Presentations & Procedures

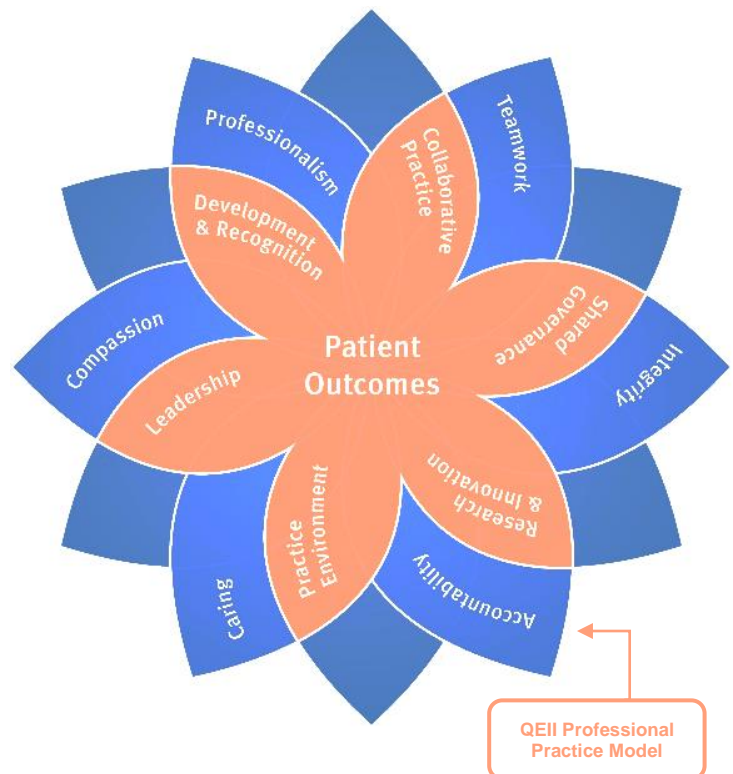
Acute and chronic medical conditions include:

- Respiratory: COPD, asthma, PE, bronchiectasis, pneumonia, chest infections, Influenza A, Tuberculosis, ICC drains, pneumothorax.
- Myocardial Infarction (MI), NSTEMI, Angina, Heart blocks, CCF Kidney and urinary tract infections
- Diabetes management & DKA
- Infusions
- Sepsis
- Infectious Disease: MRSA, NMMRSA, VRE
- Surgical Care: Minor general surgical and orthopaedic patients. Wound care including drains and VAC dressings.

## Graduate opportunities

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

## Metro South Hospital Initiatives



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