GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Endoscopy Unit 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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Endoscopy Unit

Unit Information

The Endoscopy Unit is a stand-alone state-of-the-art department located on the second floor within building two of QEII Hospital. The unit aims to provide an efficient, high-quality diagnostic, interventional and surveillance endoscopic service to both inpatients and outpatients, including gastroenterology outpatient services (infusions and specialist Inflammatory Bowel Disease management).

The Endoscopy Unit delivers endoscopy procedures and gastroenterology outpatients services to over 6000 patients across MSHHS each year. The unit has:

- 2 procedure rooms
- 4 admission bays and 9 recovery bays
- Discharge lounge containing 6 reclining chairs
- Outpatient facilities including 4 consultation rooms

Our Staff

Nurse Unit Manager: Joanne Summers

Clinical Experts: CNC and CNs Nursing Team: RN, ENAP, EN, AINs

MDT: Medical team and operational support staff.

The Endoscopy education team (including a dedicated Endoscopy Clinical Facilitator) provide support to the graduates throughout their graduate program.

Metro South Hospital Initiatives



Common Endoscopy Procedures

Endoscopic procedures include:

- Gastroscopy
- Colonoscopy
- Endoscopic submucosal resection (removal of larger cancerous / pre-cancerous lesions)
- ERCP
- Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)

Endoscopy Skills

- Develop skills in patient assessment and care pre and post procedure
- Endoscopy procedural nursing skills
- Cannulation
- Work with a dynamic and motivated team

Graduate opportunities

- Develop skills in patient assessment pre and post procedure
- Recognition and management of the deteriorating patient
- Care of the unconscious patient
- Endoscopy procedural nursing skills
- Work with a dynamic and motivated team
- Online and face-to-face learning
- Opportunity to undertake quality initiatives.

