

Ward 4B: General Medical & Acute Stroke

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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Unit Information

Ward 4B is an acute General Medicine and Acute Stroke unit. 4B 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 4B is a 29-bed inpatient unit:

- Dedicated 6-bed acute stroke service, with telemetry monitoring
- 1 transition to assisted living bed
- 22 medication beds (planned new model of care includes 12 dedicated beds to Acute Care of the Elderly)
- Rehabilitation patients are transported to Canossa GARS Hospital.

Ward 4B utilised the Ambassador Program to support patients with dementia and/or delirium for 10-hrs each day via the Ambassador support.

The medical education team provide support to 4B graduates throughout their graduate program. The team includes 1 Nurse Educator and 6 Clinical Facilitators that support all nurses across the medical wards and out-

Common Medical Presentations & Procedures

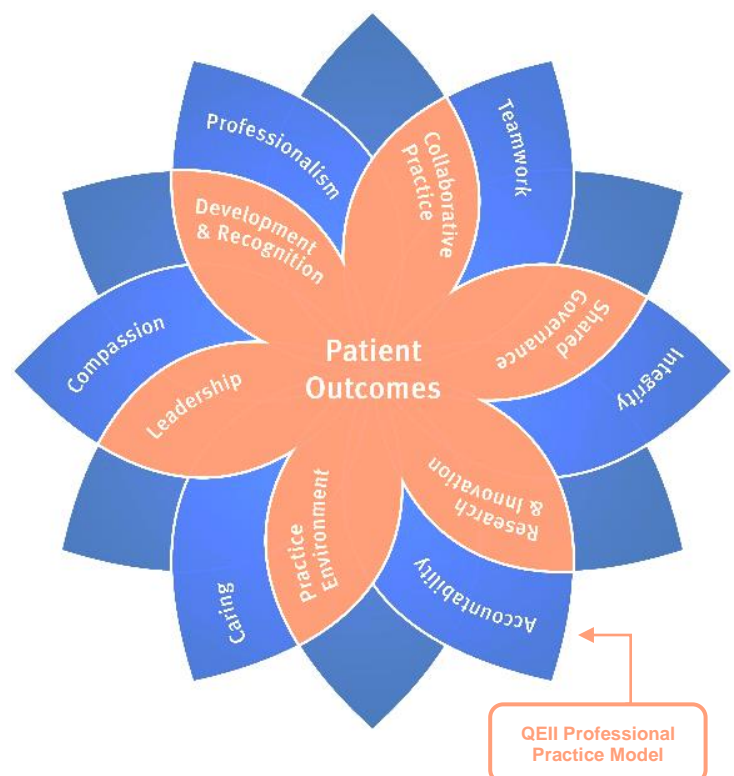
Acute and chronic medical conditions include:

- Management of Acute Stroke patients (including lysis)
- Management of acute/chronic dementia and delirium (supported by the Ambassador Program)
- Heart Failure
- Respiratory: COPD, asthma, PE, bronchiectasis, pneumonia, chest infections, Influenza A, Tuberculosis, ICC drains, pneumothorax.
- Kidney and urinary tract infections
- Diabetes management & DKA
- Sepsis
- Infusions

Graduate opportunities

- Learn and consolidate specialist acute stroke, medical, and cognitively impaired 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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