



Princess Alexandra Hospital
Ward 1C Vascular

Graduate Nurse Program

Mission statement

The Vascular Unit is a multidisciplinary health care team, whose primary focus is to provide quality holistic specialised health care to patients with vascular conditions and their families.

Vascular team charter

This is the credo that all members of our team follow

- Respect one another
- Trust one another
- Support one another
- Be approachable
- Act professionally
- Remain non-judgemental
- Treat others as you would expect to be treated yourself.



The exciting world of 1C

Vascular nursing is a multi-dimensional specialty involving many complex conditions with multiple and extensive co-morbidities.

The Vascular Unit is an energetic 24-bed unit providing complex and specialised care to acutely ill vascular patients.

The unit accepts both elective and emergency admissions from Queensland and Northern New South Wales.

Nursing staff develop a wide range of clinical skills and gain vast experience in many areas including:

- Prostaglandin, Alteplase, Insulin and Heparin Infusions
- PCA, Epidurals and Niki pumps
- Wound drainage
- Indwelling catheters
- Naso-gastric tubes
- Extensive and specialised wound management, including VAC assisted and Zinc bandaging
- Pre-post operative care
- Pain management
- PICC and CVL lines
- Doppler
- Stump bandaging

Medical conditions

- Deep vein thrombosis
- Pulmonary embolus
- Chronic venous / arterial ulceration
- Cardiac conditions
- Diabetes
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Scleroderma
- Raynauds syndrome

Surgical procedures

- Carotid thromboendarterectomy
- Femoral popliteal bypass graft
- Femoral to femoral bypass graft
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair
- Abdominal bi-femoral bypass graft
- Axilla bi-femoral bypass graft
- Endoluminal abdominal aneurysm repair
- Thrombectomy of any artery or existing graft
- Lumbar chemical sympathectomy
- Varicose veins repair
- Thoroscopic sympathectomy
- First rib resection

- Above / below knee and transmetatarsal amputation
- Bilateral femoral angiogram
- Carotid / coronary / femoral angiogram
- Balloon angioplasty
- Insertion of arterial stent
- Insertion of venous / arterial catheter for titration of “alteplase”

Hospital initiatives

- Magnet®
- Planetree
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Digital Hospital

Program benefits

- A structured graduate nurse program that will assist you to transition from novice graduate nurse to a confident and skilled practitioner.
- The provision of education and support needed to build an enriching and rewarding professional career.
- Joining an organisation that is internationally recognised for nursing excellence and developing leaders of the future.
- A supportive clinical and educational environment that promotes competence and confidence in clinical practice.

- Diverse clinical specialties from which to choose.
- Multiple career development pathways with opportunities to progress and achieve your future nursing career goals.

Program overview

- 4 study days
- Preceptorship from an experienced, friendly RN on Ward 1C
- Comprehensive vascular learning package
- Ongoing in services
- Flexible rostering
- Support from multidisciplinary team
- Large range of clinical skills to learn
- Opportunities for ward portfolio.
- Opportunities to attend further education outside the ward
- Opportunities to visit the operating theatre to see vascular surgery performed
- Opportunities to assist in the vascular wound clinic.

More information

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