

Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital

Surgical Services Ward 2A
Orthopaedics and Urology

Graduate Nurse Program

Hospital Overview

Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital (QEII) is a medium metropolitan adult facility with 181 inpatient beds. We provide a range of specialties including general medicine, surgical, cardiology, geriatric medicine, intensive and coronary care.

QEII is a *Pathway to Excellence*[®] organisation, which is a credential by the ANCC for hospitals that have created positive work environments where nurses can flourish. Pathway to Excellence Recognition ultimately acknowledges QEII nurses' delivery of high-quality care, support for personal and professional development, the supportive team environment and the commitment and passion to safe person-centred care.

QEII became a Digital Hospital in June 2018.

Unit information

Ward 2A is a 32-bed surgical unit specialising in the care and management of Orthopaedic and Urology patients. We also care for outlie patients from General Surgery, Gynaecology and Medical wards.

In Ward 2A we provide a high standard of patient-focused care through assessment, planning, early intervention, and evaluation of surgical needs to support patients achieving optimal health outcomes.

We work within a large interdisciplinary team including Medical Officers, Allied Health and Executive Nursing team to achieve best patient outcomes.

Our Staff

Ward 2A has a large team of nursing staff including a Nurse Unit Manager, Clinical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurse Advanced Skills, and Assistants in Nursing.

The Surgical Education team provide support to surgical graduates throughout the Graduate Program. The Surgical Education team consists of a Surgical Nurse Educator and two Surgical Clinical Facilitators that provide support across Surgical Services – Ward 2A, Ward 2B, Urodynamics and Specialist Outpatients department.

Common Surgical Presentations and Procedures

- Cystourethroscopy
- Endoscopic procedures
- Prostate surgery
- Bladder irrigation
- Transurethral resection of bladder tumour (TURP)
- Knee replacement
- Hip replacement
- Knee reconstructions
- Upper limb procedures
- Wound washout

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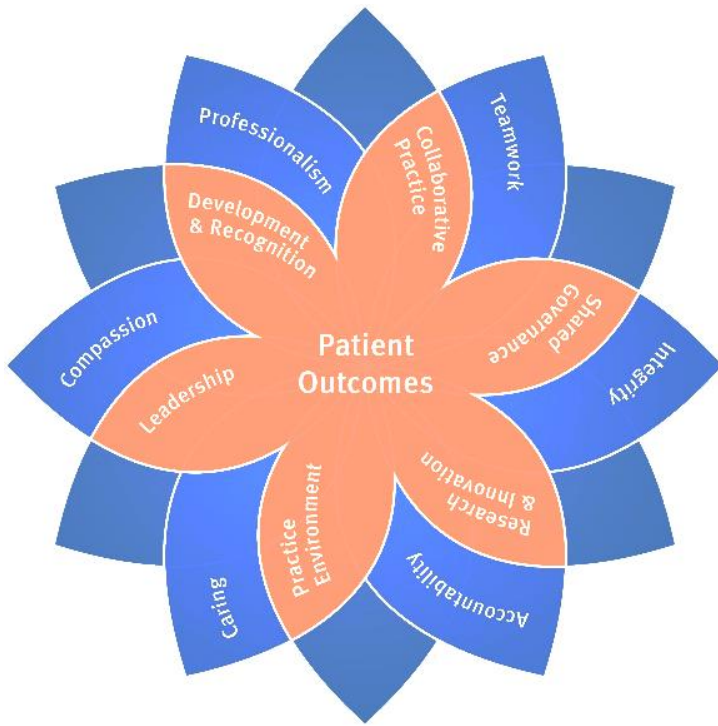
The graduate program within Ward 2A is a 12-month program supported through preceptorship and workshop attendance.

During your graduate program you will learn, build on and consolidate the following skills:

- Specialised pre and post-operative care to patients undergoing elective and emergent Orthopaedic and Urological interventions and diagnostic procedures.
- Obtain surgical speciality clinical competencies and skills including (but not limited to) bladder irrigation, surgical drain management and removal, stoma care and management, negative pressure wound management, acute pain management including patient controlled analgesia and regional analgesia.

Anaesthetic nurse

An anaesthetic nurse cares for the patient when they are at their most vulnerable in the period immediately preceding and following an anaesthetic. They work collaboratively with the anaesthetist and the perioperative team. (*ACORN 15th Edition*)



Hospital initiatives

- Pathway to Excellence®
- 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.

Graduate placement opportunities

- Learn and consolidate specialist surgical skills
- Management of post-operative patients across multiple specialities
- Management and escalation of the deteriorating patient
- Complete surgical learning packages
- Opportunity to undertake quality initiatives

More information

Visit metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au and search “graduate programs”.