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Logan Beaudesert celebrate international Day of the Midwife
May 5, 2017

A specially produced video honours Logan, Beaudesert and Redland hospital midwives and the work they do as part of celebrations for International Day of the Midwife this year.

May 5 is the internationally recognised day for highlighting the work of midwives and an occasion for every individual midwife to think about the many others in the profession, to make new contacts within and outside midwifery, and to widen the knowledge of what midwives do for the world.

To view the video, visit QHEPS or click on this link:


You’re invited ...

to celebrate International Day of the Midwife at Logan Hospital in the Auditorium from 9.30-11am.
The introduction of a Virtual Fracture Clinic at Logan Hospital is seeing real time savings for patients and the orthopaedic outpatient department for minor bone injuries of the hand, wrist, foot and ankles.

"This means that we can provide the treatment in our Emergency Department as usual and highlight how our new virtual clinic will assess their x-rays without the need to come into clinic," Dr Shortt said.

Logan Hospital Emergency Department treated more than 18,550 minor fractures over the last 12 months placing an enormous demand on the daily fracture clinic which is also responsible for the follow up of major bone fractures and trauma.

"We have identified nine of the most common minor fractures which heal well over a three to six week period and don’t require intervention until healed."

Logan Hospital Consultant Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeon Dr Nick Shortt developed the virtual model to reduce the amount of time patients need to spend coming to clinic, reduce the administration around clinic bookings, and provide a more effective treatment option for patients with direct referrals to allied health rehabilitation for their particular injury.

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Dr Shortt said an added benefit for families is that nearly 25 per cent of children’s wrist injuries can be effectively treated in splint without the need for a cast which is great news for parents with less time away from work to attend the hospital.

"Each patient is referred from the virtual clinic to either physiotherapy, hand therapy, their general practitioner or to our Fracture Clinic for further examination which follows the safe and effective virtual models used overseas."

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The streamlined approach of the Virtual Fracture Clinic for Logan Hospital patients has been an amazing effort across various disciplines in Orthopaedics, Emergency, Allied Health and outpatients to increase clinic availability for other patients, staff time management, and the effectiveness of allied health rehabilitation outcomes.

Find out more: about the Lift the Lip program: https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/liftthelip
QPS teddy delivery brightens kids’ day in CIU

Featured: Main photo, Logan Central police Officer-in-Charge Senior Sergeant Simon Mortimer, Lyriq Williams (4), Constable Tamzin Zarzycki and Constable Sean Allen. Inset: Jesse Finch (15).

Officers from Logan Central Police paid the Children’s Inpatient Unit a visit last week to personally deliver a basket of beautiful handmade teddies.

Officer-in-Charge Senior Sergeant Simon Mortimer said the teddies were made and donated by busy and well known Logan resident Thelma Towers.

Sen Sgt Mortimer said Logan police were always happy to visit Logan Hospital’s youngest patients and were already looking forward to their next chance to stop in and chat with the kids.

He said the latest delivery also included special teddies that helped nurses and doctors show children who were about to undergo a procedure what to expect.

Thank you Thelma and Logan police.
In 2014, the state-wide Diabetes Clinical Network revised the DKA protocol as an initiative to improve and standardise care across Queensland.

It was envisaged that this standardisation would improve clinical outcomes in the management of DKA, reduce length of stay and duration of acidosis, and reduce the incidence of hypokalaemia and hypoglycaemia.

It was also intended that the protocol would prompt inpatient review by a specialist diabetes team and an appropriate referral to Specialist Outpatient services.

In October 2014, a Grand Rounds presentation to launch the protocol was followed by education focused on ED medical and nursing staff.

There was also hospital wide promotion using screensavers and posters to raise awareness of the revised protocol.

Recently, an audit of the use of the protocol was conducted by Medical Registrars Matthew Balcerek, to evaluate awareness, utilisation and barriers to use at Logan Hospital.

Community Voices

Did you know our facilities receive fantastic feedback each and every week? Here are some recent examples sent to Logan Hospital.

I would like to pass on my thanks and appreciation to Sammy, the nurse who looked after me in the emergency/acute care department.

I presented with acute diverticulitis and was in a lot of pain and she went out of her way to make me feel as comfortable as possible. Professional, approachable and caring. She is an asset to your hospital and please send on my unreserved thanksgiving. Give her a raise!!

On Friday 24th March my son David suffered an anaphylactic reaction caused by preservatives in food he had eaten.

I drove him to Logan hospital where he came near to collapse at the lifts to the emergency ward.

A couple of nurses saw him lay on the ground and sprung in to action and called a team of doctors and nurses to attend to him in moments.

He was taken to the emergency department and cared for until he was moved to the short stay area where he was monitored overnight and released Saturday morning.

I would like to thank the staff at Logan Hospital for the care delivered to David on this occasion and for past visits to the hospital.

The staffs were especially caring and efficient, explaining treatment as was delivered.

Many thanks,
PT

International Nurses Day
Nominations now open for the “Nurse of the Year” & “Nursing Team of the Year” Awards
International Nurses Day is celebrated each year on May 12 the anniversary of Florence Nightingales birth. Celebration to be held at Logan Hospital in the Auditorium 10am to 11.30am
The International Council of Nurses theme this year is: “A Voice to Lead: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”
Nurses respond to the health needs of people in all settings and throughout the lifespan. Their roles are critical in achieving global mandates such as universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Celebrating the achievements of staff and teams across our health service.
• Delivering Our Values Awards
• Volunteer of the Year Award
• Shaping Our Future Award
• Person Centred Care Team Award
Nominations now open.
Go to QHEPS for more information and to submit your nomination.

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