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Rehabilitation service among highest in AROC report

The Australasian Rehabilitation Outcome Centre's (AROC) latest report showed our service is one of the top performing rehabilitation centres in Australia.



Our rehabilitation service consistently rated highly in terms of achieving high functional independence for patients in a short period of time, as well as achieving excellent outcomes for patients in 8/8 of our eligible measures, which included orthopaedic fractures, orthopaedic replacements, other orthopaedic surgeries and reconditioning.

Our rehabilitation team, which consists of experienced doctors, nurses and allied health professionals, work very hard to achieve these outcomes for our patients and it is wonderful to see their efforts recognised through AROC's report.

Our rehabilitation service offers the only end-to-end service for orthopaedic patients needing pre-surgery conditioning, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation and priority care pathways for cardiac, maternity and women's health services.

If you would like to refer your patient to our rehabilitation service, send your referral to Dr David Eckerman or Dr Gerrit Fialla via Medical Objects or fax to 07 5430 3072. The referral form is available by visiting buderimprivatehospital.com.au/rehabilitation

Care to Share update

Check out the latest videos in our [Care to Share](#) video series!

Picking up the pieces from PTSD featuring Senior Psychologist Berquin Human

Making the best of breast cancer featuring Cindy Mackenzie
Breast Cancer Program Coordinator, Lisa Daldy

Learn about the Sunshine Coast's first private Emergency Centre featuring Buderim Private Hospital General Manager, Wallis Westbrook

Robotic surgery expanded on the Sunshine Coast

The commencement of robotic-assisted surgery for some general surgical cases at Buderim Private Hospital marks an exciting new chapter for Sunshine Coast patients.



In a Sunshine-Coast first, general surgeons [Dr David Colledge](#) and [Dr John Hansen](#) are utilising the state-of-the-art Da Vinci Xi surgical robotic system for selected general surgical patients, including those requiring hernia and bowel surgery.

Buderim Private Hospital has invested over \$3 million in the Da Vinci Xi surgical robotic system and has been using the technology to successfully perform minimally invasive prostate cancer surgical procedures since October 2017.

"The Da Vinci robot is an exciting innovation and an excellent tool that is proving to be advantageous in selected patients who will benefit most from the minimally invasive surgical approach," Dr Colledge said.

Dr John Hansen said the introduction of robotic general surgery has been one of the most exciting developments for patients that he has witnessed in his 30+ years as a general surgeon.

"I consider robotic surgery as one of the greatest technological breakthroughs I've witnessed and I look forward to my patients benefiting from this specialised equipment now and into the future," Dr Hansen said.

Pictured: Dr John Hansen (left) and Dr David Colledge (right) with the Da Vinci robot

Support our application for a Medicare-eligible MRI licence



As you are probably already aware, following a recent announcement by the Federal Government that funds will be made available for the provision of 20 additional Medicare-eligible MRI licences across Australia, our hospital is publicly seeking one of these licences for our Buderim Private Medical Imaging facility.

The provision of this licence will result in most patients being able to access MRI scans with no associated out-of-pocket costs as up to 84% of MRI services will be bulk-billed through Medicare.

We are currently seeing critically ill patients unwilling to have or delaying a much-needed scan due to the out of pocket cost which the provision of this licence will rectify. MRI examinations are particularly important to orthopaedics, cardiology and urology specialties within the hospital and essential to the effective management of stroke and some other conditions which require treatment to commence promptly.

With assistance from Ted O'Brien MP, Federal Member for Fairfax, a petition has been created to help demonstrate the community's support for the MRI licence to be awarded to Buderim Private Hospital. More than 2000 people have already signed this petition but we are in need of more support. If you haven't yet signed the petition, please take a moment of your time to support the petition by visiting the following website:

<https://our-mri.squarespace.com/>

Thank you for your support of this important initiative.

Emergency Centre update

Our new Emergency Centre opened on Wednesday 22 August and has now provided specialist emergency care to more than 800 patients.

Here's a quick snapshot of the Emergency Centre:

- Minimal wait times and open 24/7
- Nine patient bays, including a dedicated resuscitation space
- Free parking directly adjacent to the Emergency Centre
- Approximately 50 employees, including doctors, nurses and administrative staff
- Everyone is welcome at the Emergency Centre even those without private health insurance and no referral is required
- Standard out-of-pocket fee will be \$310, which includes pathology and radiology
- Private health fund members who require admission can be admitted directly to the hospital and access its leading specialists

- Patients without private health insurance who require admission can self-fund their hospital stay or opt to be transferred to a public hospital
- With patient approval, a discharge summary will be provided to their GP
- No out-of-pocket fees for WorkCover and eligible DVA patients and concession rates available

Visit www.buderimprivatehospital.com.au/emergency for more information.

Do you have any feedback about our service? Contact Karen Dawe, Business Manager, on 07 5452 0599 or Karen.dawe@care24-7.net.au

Mental health day program outpatient calendar

Did you know that our Cooina Mental Health Service outpatient day program start dates are available on our website?

If you need to refer one of your patients to a program, simply visit www.buderimprivatehospital.com.au/cooindacalendar

Outpatient Day Program calendar dates

Overcoming Depression Program

This is a 11 week course and the start dates are:

- February Wednesday 28 (concludes 9 May)
- April Tuesday 24 (concludes 21 June)
- May Wednesday 24 (concludes 21 July)
- June Tuesday 26 (concludes 4 September)
- August Wednesday 1 (concludes 10 October)
- September Tuesday 11 (concludes 20 November)
- October Wednesday 17 (concludes 19 December)
- November Tuesday 27 (concludes 19 February 2019)
- January 2019 Wednesday 2 (concludes 13 March 2019)

The program starts at 9am and concludes at 3:30pm (please allow time for the admission process).

Please note the program is closed over the Christmas period however continues to run during school holidays, excluding public holidays.

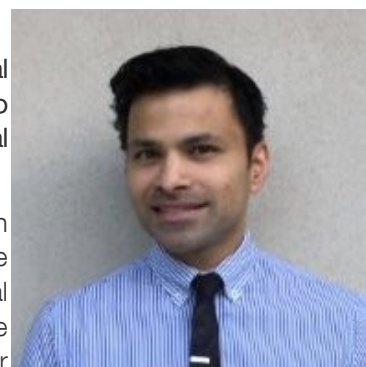
For more information about this program, [click here](#).

New Director of Medical Services

The Buderim Private Hospital has appointed Dr Ranjit Paul to the role of Director of Medical Services (DMS).

Dr Paul will commence in January 2019 and will be responsible for leading clinical governance and ensuring the further enhancement of our clinical quality and safety process and practices.

Dr Paul brings high level experience in medical administration and working collaboratively to deliver oversight of clinical governance within both the public and private health sectors across WA, Queensland and New South Wales. Dr Paul will be joining us from his current position in WA. Dr Paul previously worked on the Sunshine Coast for many years in various roles including medical administration, medical training and emergency medicine.



Specialist Spotlight

We would like to welcome **Dr Trent Lincoln**, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, to our team of Visiting Medical Practitioners.



Dr Lincoln practices the full scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery with a particular interest in: wisdom teeth removal; dental implants; repair and reconstruction of traumatic facial injuries and orthognathic surgery (corrective jaw surgery).

Graduating from Medicine with Honours at Monash University in 2006, Dr Trent Lincoln returned to his home state of Queensland to complete resident training years in Brisbane at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. During this time the treatment of patients with facial injuries convinced Dr Lincoln that Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery would be his chosen field.

A year spent working in Ear, Nose and Throat as well as General Surgery in Rockhampton as a registrar furthered his varied experience prior to gaining a position in the highly sought-after lateral entry Dentistry program at the University of Queensland. The position allowed Dr Trent Lincoln to work within the Oral and Maxillofacial units of the major Brisbane Hospitals whilst studying Dentistry.

After completing Dentistry, Dr Lincoln was accepted into the Queensland Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery training program. During this time, Dr Lincoln trained at most of the major Brisbane hospitals including: Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, the Mater Hospitals, Royal Children's and Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, Ipswich and Logan Hospitals. A year of training spent in Townsville also allowed exposure to rarer and later presentations of Maxillofacial disease and injuries than that seen in the larger metropolitan centres. Further training in Zygomatic Implants was undertaken by Dr Lincoln in Hong Kong in 2017 to learn advanced techniques.

Dr Lincoln is an internationally-published author and researcher in the fields of: piezoelectric third molar removal; use of local anaesthetic in removal of teeth; paediatric orbital fractures and return to contact sports following cheek bone fractures, amongst other topics.

Ahead of National Recycling Week from 12-18 November, we'd like to share with you the monthly impacts of our hospital's recycling efforts:

- Taking two cars off the road permanently
- Saved 13 household electricity requirements
- Saved the equivalent of at least four people's water usage

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Emergency Centre - 07 5452 0599	Acute Mental Health referrals - 1300 780 413