

Berkeley Vale Private Hospital

Hospital Description

Located within the Wyong Shire, *Berkeley Vale Private Hospital* is the newest private hospital on the Central Coast, being opened in August 1990. A member of Ramsay Health Care Limited since July 2001, the hospital is located approximately a one hour drive north from Sydney and south from Newcastle, and is within thirty (30) minutes of both major public hospitals on the Central Coast – Gosford and Wyong Public.

It is a seventy five (75) bed hospital and it was the first private hospital on the Central Coast to establish a comprehensive rehabilitation program, approved by all the health funds, insurance companies, Workcover and the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Although traditionally an older population, a shift continues to occur to a younger patient case mix. The Wyong shire continues to accommodate the largest cohort of Department of Veteran Affairs' patients in NSW.

Program Commencement Dates

Because of our size, we have capacity to take a maximum of two new graduates per year on a part time basis of 40 hours per fortnight.

What kind of rotations do we offer?

As we have 2 wards with more than one specialty we provide a medical/rehabilitation, surgical, and a theatre/anaesthetic/recovery rotation.

Brief descriptions of each area you rotate through.

Medical/Rehabilitation

Beds: 34

Speciality:

- Acute Medical Conditions
- Rehabilitation
- Palliative Care

Information

- Various case mix, busy ward
- Ward focus is based on excellence in care and meeting patient and carer expectations with a strong emphasis on teamwork
- Experienced committed staff, some of whom have worked there for several years on the ward. Registered nurses qualified in Palliative Care, Respiratory and Rehabilitation Nursing.
- Commitment to mentoring New Graduate and other trainee Nurses
- Excellent working relationships with Visiting Medical Officers

Education

- Ward Clinical Nurse Specialists in Rehabilitation and Respiratory Nursing
- Regular ward in-service program
- Dedicated Hospital and Ward Orientation
- Provision of Education forums on Rehabilitation to local Community Groups

Surgical

Beds: 41

Specialty:

- Surgical – Orthopaedics
- General and Colorectal Surgery
- Gynaecology,
- Urology,
- Ear Nose and Throat Surgery

Information

- Main focus on knee and hip replacements and general surgery
- Varied case mix with fluctuating occupancy
- Ward focus is based on excellent care and meeting patient expectations with a strong emphasis on teamwork
- Experienced, committed staff and some of whom have worked there for several years
- Commitment to mentoring New Graduate and other trainee nurses
- Excellent working relationships with surgeons

Education

- Hospital annual education program: varies from year to year
- Dedicated Hospital and Ward Orientation.
- Opportunities for post graduate studies

Day Surgery

A wide range of day procedures are undertaken in Berkeley Vale Private Hospital Day Surgery Unit including endoscopy, colonoscopy, orthopaedic, urology, gynaecology, eye surgery, ENT surgery and minor general surgery.

Operating Theatres

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Speciality:

- All surgical (both major and minor) procedures performed in the operating theatre.

Information

- Specially trained scrub nurses, anaesthetic nurses, recovery nurses and CSSD staff.
- Strong emphasis on teamwork, excellence in service to patients and surgeons
- Commitment to training and further education
- Excellent working relationships with surgeons and anaesthetists

Education

- Theatre CNS, Recovery CNS
- Regular in-service programs from suppliers of equipment.
- Dedicated Hospital and Theatre/Recovery orientation.
- Opportunities to learn to become a “scrub” nurse.
- Post Graduate opportunities in perioperative nursing are available

Rotations to other facilities

- No rotation to other facilities

Employee Benefits

- Ramsay Employee Benefits Program
- Annual hospital Christmas Party
- Staff barbecues and movie tickets
- Social Club functions
- Special event lunches and barbecues especially for International Nurses Day and Melbourne Cup Day
- Staff discount at hospital kiosk and for meals.

Transport and parking

Free parking available on site. Public transport is available

Contact details

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