

Figtree Private Hospital

Hospital Description

The Figtree Private Hospital is located at Figtree and is 7 kms from the Central Business District of Wollongong.



The hospital underwent a \$AUD 9 million redevelopment program which was completed in 1998. Figtree Private Hospital now consists of 101 beds, providing medical, surgical and maternity services and a range of acute specialties including coronary care unit, cardiology, cardiac catheterisation, orthopaedics, obstetrics, urology, sleep studies, stroke unit and general surgery. These services are supported by an ICU and Level II Nursery.

Extended services include:

Pre-admission clinic, orthopaedic joint clinic, lactation clinic, and an ante-natal program. All of these programs are evaluated by focus groups.

Also, day procedure and palliative care services commenced in 1998.

Figtree Private Hospital has close links with the Wollongong University Campus and supports clinical placement for nursing students. Figtree Private Hospital sits between the mountains and the sea. It is a great location with great beaches, shopping and is located close to some of the prettiest countryside in the state.

Program commencement dates.

Our New Graduate programs start in the February of each year taking approximately 3- 4 new grads. Mid year intakes may be offered dependent on availability and we usually take 1 new graduate during this intake. Figtree Private Hospital offers fulltime 40 hour per week and part-time programs with a minimum of 48 hour per fortnight.

What kind of rotations do you offer?

Figtree Private offers a direct entry into ICU new graduate program, direct entry peri-operative program and general rotations with the inclusion of the specialty areas.

Programs Offered

Peri-operative graduate program

Combined general and peri-operative program

Critical Care graduate program and a Combined general + ICU rotation Program

General graduate program

Brief descriptions of each area you rotate through.

Kembla Ward

BEDS: 30

Medical, Palliative Care & Stroke Unit

Information specific to Kembla Ward

Kembla Ward uses a combination of team & task allocation models of care to deliver comprehensive and complex care to their patients.

Monday to Friday the Nurse Unit Manager co-ordinates the shift. The shift leader after hours and weekends is a CNS or Senior Registered Nurse. Teams on a shift can consist of a combination of; Senior Registered Nurse, less experienced Nurse, junior Registered Nurse (Graduate) or Endorsed Enrolled Nurse (EEN) / Enrolled Nurse (EN) or Assistant in Nursing. The EEN is always under the direction of the Registered Nurse.

Patients admitted to Kembla Ward have acute, chronic and acute-on-chronic illness with associated co-morbidities.

Patient services include: vascular, urology, chronic pain management, respiratory, dedicated palliative care beds, general medical, acute stroke and specialist wound care management. Kembla ward provides multidisciplinary care with a health care team incorporating;

- Assistants in Nursing
- Enrolled and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses
- Registered Nurses opportunities for CNS
- Wound Care Specialist
- Visiting Medical Officers
- Pharmacists
- Physiotherapist
- Occupational therapist
- Speech pathologist
- Psycho geriatrician
- Dietician
- Social Worker
- Veteran Affairs Liaison Officer



This is a dynamic unit undergoing change and recent refurbishment Kembla ward offers the New Graduate a thorough medical nursing experience.



Keira Ward



BEDS 38

Acute Surgical pre and post operative

Information specific to Keira Ward

Keira Ward uses a team / patient allocation nursing model of care to deliver optimum care to the surgical patient. Monday to Friday the Nurse Unit Manager c-ordinates the shift. The shift leader after hours and weekends is a CNS or Senior Registered Nurse. Teams on a shift can consist of a combination of; Senior Registered Nurse, less experienced Nurse, junior Registered Nurse (Graduate) or Endorsed Enrolled Nurse (EEN) / Enrolled Nurse (EN) or Assistant in Nursing. The EEN is always under the direction of the Registered Nurse.

Patients admitted to Keira Ward are booked admissions with exception of after-hour's admissions and transfers from other facilities. The vast majority of patients will have attended the pre-admission clinic. Patients can be day only, short stay or require longer length of stays.

Keira ward has a varied case mix inclusive of the following surgical modalities;

Colorectal, Neurosurgical, Orthopaedic, Laparoscopic, General, Bariatric, ENT, Paediatric ENT, Ophthalmic, Vascular, Plastics, Gynecological, Dental Facial-maxillary, Urology & Endoscopic.

Keira ward runs a pre-op 'joint clinic' for elective orthopaedic surgery patients and this also incorporates the Bone Banking – Living Bone Donor Program. An Excellent Stomal Therapy Service is provided.

New Graduate Nurses are welcomed and well supported on Keira ward. In addition, undergraduates are encouraged and given great learning experiences.

Keira ward has a strong team work ethic that is collaborative and patient focused with Medical, Nursing and all allied health care team members working in a consultative process to achieve optimum patient outcomes.



Keira Staff enjoying a
Purple Mufti day

Intensive Care Unit

BEDS :

- 2 VENTILATED
- 6 UNVENTILATED
- TOTAL 8 (incorporating room 12)



Information Specific to ICU

Figtree Privates Intensive Care Unit (ICU) is a vital patient service.

The ICU is a professional highly skilled specialised area. ICU supports booked post operative patients and provides expert medical and nursing care for the patient requiring increased monitoring and advanced care.

The ICU has a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week rostered intensive care specialist managing patient's complex care. This specialist unit has skilled staff having undertaken post graduate (or in the process of) studies and with a high degree of experience and clinical expertise. ICU Clinical Nurse Specialists act as resources for hospital nursing staff and our CPR co-coordinator is based in the ICU.

ICU nursing staff are encouraged and expected to participate in education sessions internally, having in a self directed learning package designed by Dr Adam Purdon addressing current relevant issues.

Applications for external study are well supported and encouraged.

ICU has developed a dedicated New Graduate Orientation Program incorporating individual learning packages.

This small cohesive unit provides expert nursing care using a total patient care delivery model. Nursing staff are expert resources and are always happy to share their skills and knowledge with nurses from all departments.



Pictured: Brett Hazelgrove RN in ICU was the NSW Gradplus Hesta Preceptor of the month for Jan 09

Nareena Ward

Maternity, Infant Services and Women's Health.



Information Specific to Maternal Services

Figtree Private's Maternal Services are extensive and staff pride themselves on offering a centre of excellence for mother and baby.

Nursing education is encouraged and facilitated with CNS ward level education programs and department specific competencies.

Post Graduate Midwifery Students are well supported as are strong collaborative relationships with University of Wollongong (UOW).

Maternal and Infant Services offer; a Lactation Clinic , Antenatal Classes, Level II Nursery and rotation of staff through the various areas. Delivery of nursing care has recently changed to a team nursing model in keeping with the philosophy of FPH and optimal patient care.

Staff are focused and committed to Maternal & Infant Care with high profile support of SIDS Day, Breast Cancer Support – Pink Ribbon Day and the promotion of breast feeding.



Operating theatres:



General Theatres, Day surgery Unit (DSU) / Urology, PACU (Recovery).
Number of Theatres 6

Information specific to OT

The New Graduate is given an excellent post graduate experience in Operating Theatres. A Peri-Operative Registered Nurse Program is well established and run by the Theatre Nurse Educator.

Education is a priority and attendance at internal in-services and external study days is encouraged. Figtree Private Hospital Perioperative Program provides an excellent experience for the new graduate.

Staff are proactive and community spirited with as evidenced by participation in the “op shop ball”, the ‘city to surf’ and an other fundraising and charitable initiatives.

Other on site Services

Pre-admission Clinic

This is a Figtree Private Hospital service provided by Registered and Enrolled Nursing Staff. The pre-admission clinic is designed to give the patient the appropriate amount of information to educate and assist them in preparation for their operation and admission.



This service also identifies areas of concern pre-operatively and is the commencement of the discharge planning process.

Patients undergo a thorough risk assessment history taking process.

South Coast X-ray:

X-ray, Ultrasound, MRI and CT.

Wollongong Endovascular Suite

Urology Services

Sleep Studies Unit.

Coffee Shop



Rotations to other facilities

Figtree Private Hospital offers a comprehensive program for the new graduate currently we have not had a new graduate undertake a clinical rotation to another facility. However should a new graduate want a particular clinical experience at another facility we would support this.

Post graduate courses

Figtree Private Hospital offers post graduate midwifery with the University of Wollongong.

Employee Benefits

Figtree Private has a strong community focus and regularly has Hospital representation in 'City to Surf', 'Fitness 5 fun run & walk', 'NSW SLSA Boardies Day' and 'International Nurses Day'. A regular bi-monthly mufti day is held with a BBQ supplied to the staff for the cost of a gold coin donation. The emphasis is on fun, morale and fundraising for chosen local charities and organisations.

Figtree Private has an annual Christmas party for all staff held at beautiful beachside venues.

Transport and parking

Public transport is available however from Unanderra train station the distance to the Hospital is approximately 3km. There is a local bus service which stops close by. Best mode of transport is by car and we have a dedicated staff car parking area.

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