

St George Private Hospital

Hospital Description

St George Private Hospital is a fully accredited 205 bed advanced surgical facility which opened on 1 November 1995.

With a strong community focus, the hospital offers the highly skilled expertise of its medical and nursing staff, state-of-the-art equipment and a caring environment for patients and their families.

Owned and operated by Ramsay Health Care, Australia's largest and most respected operator of private hospitals, St George Private Hospital is one of the most modern, clinically advanced private hospitals in Australasia. The Hospital is located in Sydney's South and is adjacent to The St George Public Hospital – one of Sydney's major university teaching hospitals. St George Private Hospital is a fully accredited, 206 bed advanced surgical facility. Working in partnership with some of Australia's leading medical specialists, the Hospital has developed a strong reputation in Cardiac, Orthopaedics & Spinal Care, Neurosurgery, General Surgery, Cancer Care, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Colorectal and Urology.

Key to the Hospital's success is a highly skilled and expert team of staff who are supported by a comprehensive range of professional development opportunities.

St George Private Hospital's reputation is one of clinical excellence with a commitment to personalised care and continuous quality improvement.

Program commencement dates

Program commences February, March and August

What kind of rotations do we offer?

- Cardiac,
- Neurosurgery
- Cancer Care
- Colorectal Services
- Ear, Nose and Throat Surgery
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Paediatrics & Paediatric Surgery
- Haematology
- Intensive Care
- Operative theatre
- Intensive Care Unit
- Endoscopy Suite, Day Surgery Unit and Pre-Admission Clinic.
- General Surgery, particularly Laparoscopic Upper GI and Colo-rectal Surgery
- Orthopaedics & Spinal Care
- General Surgery
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Urology
- Oncology & Day Chemotherapy Service
- Oral and FacioMaxillary Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Neurology
- Respiratory Medicine
- Vascular Surgery
- Coronary Care unit
- Maternity and Special Care Nursery

Brief descriptions of each area they rotate through

1 North

Beds - 35

Specialty

• Urology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Head & Neck Surgery, Gynaecology-Oncology and Palliative Care

Information

- Major focus Urology, Neurosurgery and Neurology
- Varied case mix
- Ward focus is based on excellence in Urology and Neuro Nursing
- Strong emphasis on teamwork
- Extremely dedicated and experienced staff
- Commitment to New Graduate Nurses
- Excellent working relationship with Surgeons

Education

- Ward, CNE, CNS and Preceptors
- Regular ward in-service program
- Dedicated Hospital and Ward Orientation
- Opportunity for Urology, Neurosurgery and Neurology education/conferences

1 South

Beds - 37

Specialty

• Orthopaedics

Information

- Major focus is joint replacements
- All orthopaedic conditions treated
- Ward focus is based on excellence in Orthopaedic Nursing care
- Strong emphasis on teamwork
- Extremely dedicated and experienced staff
- Commitment to New Graduate Nurses
- Excellent working relationship with Surgeons

Education

- Ward CN Educator
- Weekly inservice program
- Dedicated Orthopaedic Orientation Package
- Opportunity for Orthopaedic education/workshop/conference

2 North

Beds - 22

Specialty

• Cardiothoracic Surgery • Vascular Surgery

Surgery includes:

- Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery • Peripheral Arterial Bypass
- Cardiac Valve Surgery • Peripheral Angioplasty / Stenting
- Thoracic Surgery • Arterial / Venous Fistula
- Endoluminal Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair • Varicose Veins
- Open Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair • Split Skin Grafting
- Carotid Endarterectomy • Amputation

Medical Conditions include:

- Cellulitis • Venous / Arterial ulcers

Information

- Strong emphasis on teamwork • Good base of senior / experienced staff
- Dedicated New Graduate Nurse Program • Excellent relationship with Surgeons

Education

- Ward CN Educator • Weekly in-service program
- Cardiothoracic Orientation Package • Further educational opportunities encouraged

2 South

Beds - 37

Specialty

- Liver surgery • Upper GI surgery such as oesophagectomies, gastrectomies etc
- Bariatric surgery • General surgery including, laparoscopic surgery such as hernias and cholecystectomies.
- Colo-rectal surgery • Stomal therapy/wound care for in patients and outpatients

Education Opportunities

- CNC to educate the staff and to assess the HDU patients
- Weekly inservice program • Orientation Package • Variety of self- directed learning packages available
- Flexible rostering with external studies
- Encourage staff to expand their skills such as cannula
- Insertion, accessing ports, taking blood from central lines

Ward Information

- Close working relationships and support from the Medical Staff • Close relationships with other departments
- Good teamwork and a fun loving team • Support from CNC
- Night duty every 3 months • Self rostering
- Interesting cases that are not seen in other hospitals in NSW. • 3-6monthly news letter
- Regular social events

3 South

Beds - 26

Specialty

- Gynaecology, Paediatrics, ENT, Dental, Plastic Surgery, Breast Surgery, Head and Neck Surgery,
Sleep Studies Laboratory

Information

- Surgical Short Stay Ward
- A range of specialties on the ward each day so each staff member will have a varied patient load
- Paediatric patients have designated bed areas and are provided with one nurse for up to 4 patients
- Sleep studies Laboratory runs from Sunday night through to Wednesday night, and is separately staffed from the ward
- The ward focus is maintaining high standards in clinical outcomes for all specialties, which is supported by our dedicated and experienced staff.
- Teamwork and friendship is reflected in the positive outlook by the staff, we also incorporate social activities outside of work to maintain the “Good Feeling” on the ward

- Commitment to New Graduate Nurses with opportunity to rotate through the Sleep Laboratory.
- Our Breast Surgery patients are all supported by the Breast Care Nurses
- The ward is supported by a very efficient team of administrative staff Monday to Friday

Education

- Clinical Nurse Educator
- We have Senior Nursing staff for all Specialties who provide the ward with regular in-service presentations and clinical updates
- Opportunity to attend internal and external seminars/conferences etc

Cardiac Catheter Laboratory

Specialty

Interventional Cardiac Procedures including:

- Coronary Angiograms
- Percutaneous interventions (PTCA and coronary stenting)
- Pacemakers (including Biventricular pacing)
- Insertion of Internal Cardiac Defibrillators
- Electrophysiology Studies
- Radio-frequency Ablation

Education Opportunities specific to this ward:

- Opportunity to develop your knowledge of Coronary Artery Disease
- Rotation of all activities E.g.: Scrubbing, Scouting, Monitoring and Recovery
- Annual Education budget to assist with attending seminars/conferences
- Regular in-services conducted
- All staff accredited to perform Advanced Life Support (Subject to satisfactory completion of Hospital Advanced Life Support Course)
- CNE to assist with learning and development

Additional unique information specific to this ward:

- Opportunity to be involved in community/customer service activities
- Close working relations with attending VMOs
- Excellent teamwork environment
- Opportunity to represent the CCL at Policy and Procedure Meetings and Product Evaluation Meetings

Community Health Promotion Events

- Heart Week annually
- Designing and reviewing patient education material

Cardiac Care Unit

7 bed unit

Specialty

- Myocardial Infarction (STEMI/Non-STEMI) • Chest Pain/Unstable Angina
- Implantable Defibrillators (AICD'S) • Pacemaker Insertions
- Diagnostic Angiograms • Transoophageal Echo's (TOE)
- Controlled AICD checks • DC-Cardioversions
- Arrhythmia Management • Electrophysiological Studies
- External and Temporary Transvenous Pacing • Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty and stent insertion
- Post Coronary Artery Bypass Grafts and Valve Replacements

Education Opportunities

- Unit Specific Orientation program
- Support for conferences and workshops • Liaison with HDU course offered by ICU
- All staff trained to perform Advanced Life Support (in addition to Basic Life Support)
- Cardiac Specific competencies – arterial sheath removal, cardioversion, temporary pacing, removal of chest drains

Additional unique information specific to this ward:

- PTCA education group run fortnightly by CCU nurses, with dietetic and physio involvement
- CCU Staff all attend medical emergency calls and cardiac arrests
- Good working relationship with the Cath Lab and with 2 North
- Good working relationship with Cardiologists / VMOs
- Specialist cardiology registrar on the unit Monday to Friday, then covered by ICU Registrar after hours and at weekends

Community Health Promotion Events

- Heart week within the hospital each year

Day Surgery Unit

Beds - 19 (Combined pre and post operative)

Education Opportunities

- Annual education budget to enhance and encourage professional development
- 3 monthly Paid Saturday Education Days
- NSW Day Surgery Nurses Association/Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association Conferences
- Day Surgery Courses/Workshops
- Orientation Package and Supernumerary Training/Orientation Days
- Multiskilling through Endoscopy Procedure and Recovery Area
- Preceptors and Mentors Available

Additional Unique Information

- Average patient activity 60-70 patients/day • Preadmission Clinic – 8 hours/day
- Liaison Nurse – 8 hours/day • Friendly and caring staff
- Monday to Friday work • No weekends – occasional Saturday shifts
- Fast-paced and busy environment

Community Health Promotion Events

The Day Surgery Unit sponsors a hospital-wide promotion and awareness of Pink Ribbon Day for Breast Cancer awareness.

Endoscopy Unit

Procedure rooms - 3

Specialty

- Diagnostic & Therapeutic Endoscopy, ERCPs, Urology, IVF, Liver Biopsy

Education Opportunities

- Saturday Education Days
- GENCA Conferences
- Anaesthetic and Recovery Course Opportunity
- Multi-skill
- Endoscopy Workshops

Additional Information

The Endoscopy Unit is a busy, friendly environment. We encourage all staff to multi-skill. Monday to Friday shifts with an occasional Saturday when required makes for a great lifestyle. We work well together as a team and enjoy our time at work.

Intensive Care Unit

Beds - 10

The Unit cares for over 850 patients per year and has an interesting and varied casemix.

Intensivists run the Unit, which affords the staff a large degree of autonomy, allowing collaborative patient care.

Specialty

- Cardio-thoracic
- Neurosurgery
- Colo-rectal
- Bariatric
- Vascular
- Medical

Information

- 12 hour shifts
- 8 hour shifts

Education

- Unit inservice three times weekly.
- Support for external studies and in house programs
- Experienced staff
- Nurse educator and Clinical nurse educator to work along side staff

Childbirth Unit

Beds - 26 Postnatal / Antenatal Ward Beds

6 Delivery Suits

6 Special care cots

Specialties

Comprehensive Childbirth unit offering:

- Antenatal and Postnatal hospital care,
- Intrapartum care,
- Special Care Nursery
- Lactation Consultant Services
- Early Discharge Program
- Antenatal Birth Preparation Classes

Education Opportunities specific to this ward

- Nurse educator and CNE to facilitate learning
- Offer Scholarships for x2 student midwives each year
- Offer Post Graduate Program for new x2 graduate Midwives each year
- Lactation & breast feeding, neonatal care.

Additional unique information specific to this ward

Our comprehensive Childbirth Unit has approximately 1800 births per year. There is approximately 98 staff employed in the Childbirth Unit. The majority of staff comprise of Registered Midwives with SCN Registered Nurses, Mothercraft Nurses, Assistants In Nursing and Reception Staff all forming part of our special team. We are affiliated with the University Of Technology Sydney (UTS) and their Graduate Diploma in Midwifery Program. Each year we employ and support 2 midwifery students through this program and then offer ongoing employment on graduating as midwives rotating in each area as part of our Post Graduate Midwifery Program.

We are also associated with high risk pregnancy and have a Risk Assessment in Pregnancy (RAP) Team caring for these patients. We are currently affiliated with St George Public Hospital in studies relating to Pre Eclampsia.

Community Health Promotion Events

- Each year we celebrate International Midwives Day on the 5th May and invite our past mothers and their families to join in our celebrations on the Unit.

Operating Theatre

Theatres: 12

Recovery Beds: 17

Specialties

- Vascular • ENT • Gynaecology
- Obstetrics • Neurology • Facio-Maxillary
- Head & Neck • Plastics • Paediatric Ophthalmology
- Paediatric Surgery • Cardio-Thoracic • General Surgery
- Orthopaedic • Liver Surgery • Urology

Education Opportunities

- Annual education budget to assist staff with conference/workshop attendance
- Weekly inservice program
- Orientation Package
- Availability of rotating through various specialties to gain a broad knowledge
- Availability to condense specialties
- Nurse educator and graduate educator to facilitate learning
- Clinical educators in each interdepartmental (Scrub/Scout, Anaesthetics, Recovery)

Unique Information

- Close working relationship with the Medical Staff
- Close relationships and reliant on industry
- Dependant on teamwork

Rotations to other facilities

Not at present

Employee Benefits

Yoga, Pilates Boxing – weekly massages on site
Wellness program

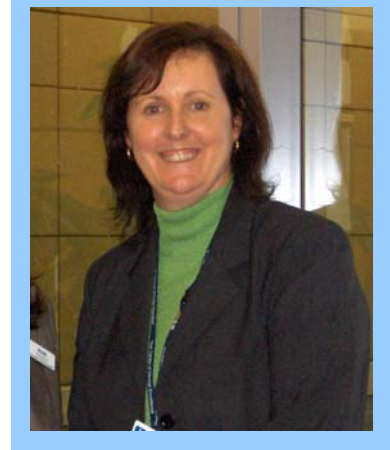
Transport and parking

Train and Bus – Kogarah station 5 minute walk

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