



Welcome from the CEO

Welcome to another edition of our GP update. It's been a busy month for us here at the hospital with the introduction of two new pieces of equipment. Our partner organisation Macquarie Medical Imaging has purchased the first digital mammography machine in Australia to utilise contrast dye software and technology. This ground breaking new detection technology will particularly help younger women.

We have also purchased a da Vinci® Surgical System. This minimally invasive technique utilises the latest in surgical and robotics technologies. Our doctors will initially use this system for urological cases, with a focus on prostate surgery. It is the second robot of its kind in Sydney.

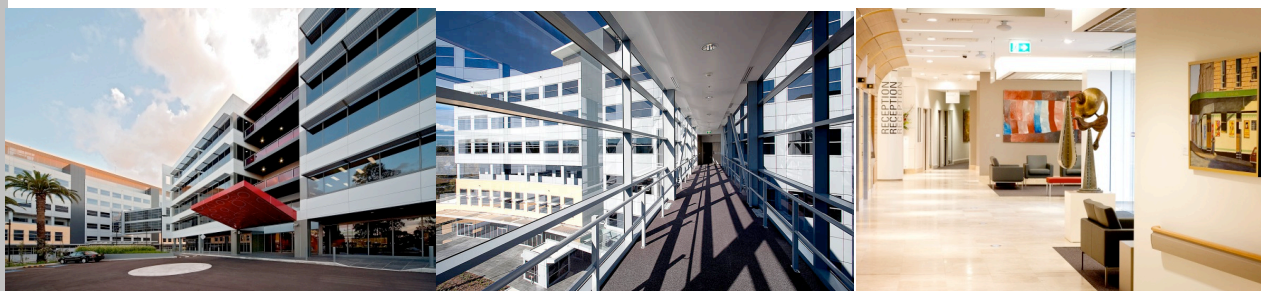
Sydney GPs continue to play a crucial role in the success of this venture. Referrals to our leading specialists' ensures that your patients receive the benefits of being cared for in Australia's most advanced private hospital.

In the event you would like to find out more about us, I encourage you to attend one of our GP educational sessions, visit our hospital website and view our **virtual tours**, request a **Specialist Directory**, or contact our **Business Development Manager** who will visit your practice with a Macquarie University Hospital Specialist so you can find out more about what we can offer you.

Alternatively, I would be delighted to chat with you personally should you have any questions. I can be reached on 9812 3011.

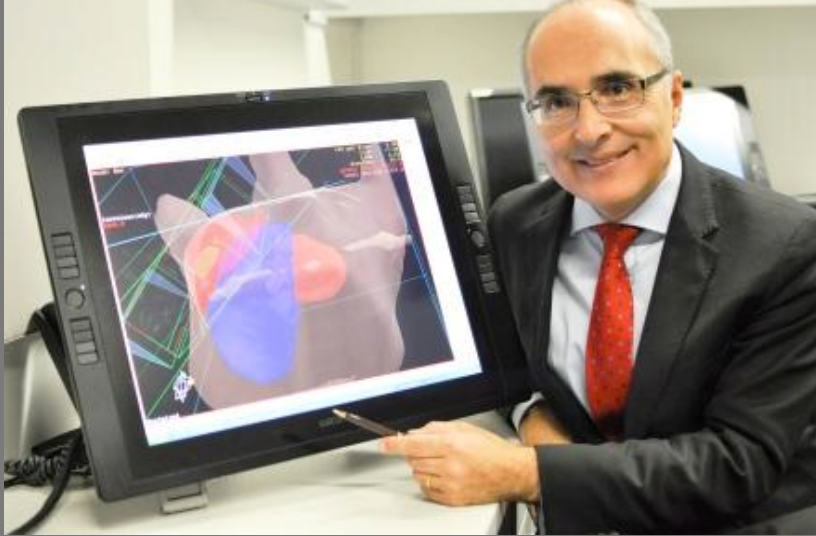
I do hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and I am looking forward to working with you in delivering health care services to our local community.

Please [click here](#) to view hospital tour



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Leading Cancer Expert Joins the Team at MUH



Professor John Boyages, founder of the Westmead Breast Cancer Institute and BreastScreen NSW Sydney West, has been appointed founding Director of the new Macquarie University Cancer Institute (MCI) and Professor of Breast Oncology at the Australian School of Advanced Medicine (ASAM).

Macquarie University Hospital opened its Cancer Treatment Care Centre almost a year ago. The comprehensive range of cancer services located at Australia's newest and most technologically advanced hospital offered a unique opportunity to offer a holistic cancer care service. Now Boyages will bring a new vision to the team, to develop a unique cancer institute. The MCI, he says, will bring together health professionals and researchers, with the patient being the central focus and "encompassing the best our people and the organisation can bring together - clinical excellence, research, education with corporate and community partnerships".

At Westmead, Boyages built a team of over 70 staff, managed a \$10 million budget and developed facilities to a value of over \$20 million. He is passionate about raising the bar in cancer care through research and advanced facilities - both available to his team in the Australian School of Advanced Medicine and Macquarie University Hospital. "The University's investment is mind blowing," he says. "To think that I can see a patient with breast cancer on a Friday and have them ready to start radiotherapy the following Wednesday or Thursday, with a letter back to the GP and referring surgeon by Friday! I wish this were the case everywhere."

During the 1990s, Boyages built the largest breast screening service in Australia, the BreastScreen Sydney West program. At its peak, the Unit screened over 60,000 women annually, across an area that extended from Bowral to Berowra and Auburn to Katoomba.

Since 2010 he has been advising the UK Government on why breast cancer mortality rates are much higher in the UK than in Australia, and continues to contribute to research on breast oncology through more than 135 research and clinical articles. To make an appointment please call 9845 8458.

New Specialists working at MUH

Dr Felix Chan Gynaecology
02 9635 9655

Dr Athula Gunasekara Cardiology
02 9676 8933

A/Prof Garret Smith Bariatrics
02 9460 8711

Dr Navin Niles General Surgery
0448 887 222

Dr Jun Nagamori Orthopaedic Surgery
02 9806 3333

Dr Gregory Bennett Physician
02 9473 8540

A/Prof Peter Vale Cardiologist
02 8382 6657

Dr Robyn Saw General Surgery
02 9911 7210

Dr Luice Wang Gynaecology
02 9874 7749

Dr Pirooz Poursoltan Medical Oncology
02 9812 3860

Dr Welkee Sim General Medicine / Geriatrics
02 9382 4035

Dr Jason Kaplan Cardiology
02 9899 6244

Dr Martin Ng Cardiology
02 9519 6875

Dr Yuresh Naidoo ENT
02 9476 1919

Dr Tim Chung Gastroenterology
02 9416 1754

Dr Brett Jones Gastroenterology
02 9812 3880

Angelo Tsirbas Ophthalmology
1300 378 747

Dr Richard Boyle Orthopaedic Surgery
02 9960 5781

Dr Andrew Brooks Urology
02 9633 2088

A/ Prof Manish Patel Urology
02 9633 2088

Please [click here](#) for a list of all MUH Specialists



GENERAL PRACTITIONERS UPDATE

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Customised Instrumentation for Total Knee Replacements

By Dr. Munjed Al Muderis

When knee replacements were first performed nearly half a century ago, surgeons relied on free-hand cutting of the bone surface within the joint space to create a surface for the components to be placed and cemented in. For the past 30 years, total knee instruments were based upon intramedullary (IM) canal penetration and alignment with obscured anatomic landmarks. During this time, every new instrument system promised greater accuracy, simplicity and reproducibility incrementally improving on the previous generation.

Until now, a significant improvement has been elusive. In my view however, a recent advancement in customised instrumentation technology is the new generation of technology that does finally offer a significant improvement in it's simplicity, operation time and accuracy. This technology allows a number of intraoperative as well as postoperative benefits for both the surgeon and the patient. A faster procedure which is more accurate with less blood loss and eventually less chance of infection. There is no added cost to the patient.

To read more please [click here](#) or contact Dr. Munjed Al Muderis 02 9806 3333

To visit a list of our orthopaedic surgeons [click here](#)



[A/Prof. Celi Varol](#)

da Vinci® Surgical System at MUH

Macquarie University Hospital has recently purchased The da Vinci® Surgical System, a minimally invasive technique that utilises the latest in surgical and robotics technologies. Our doctors will initially use this system for urological cases, with a focus on prostate surgery.

Facing any kind of urological surgery can create anxiety for patients. Traditional open surgery – in which large incisions are made to access the pelvic organs – has been the standard approach. Common drawbacks of this procedure include significant post-surgical pain and a lengthy recovery.

The da Vinci® Surgical System is ideal for both complex and delicate urological surgeries, particularly prostatectomies. The nerve fibres and blood vessels that are attached to the prostate gland must be delicately and precisely separated from the prostate before it is removed.

Our surgeons are able to use the precision and control provided by this system to assist them in the removal of the potentially cancerous prostate while preserving important nerves and blood vessels. The benefits of this technique include significantly less pain, less complications for continence and sexual function, a shorter hospital stay and a faster return to normal daily activities.

To find out more about how the da Vinci® Surgical System could benefit your patients, please [click here](#).



Relay For Life

MUH staff participated in this year's Cancer Council Macquarie Ryde Relay for Life. As well as taking first place for the best dressed team, they also took out the grand prize for the team that raised the most donations. So far we have raised over \$5,600. Donations are still possible. Please help the fight against cancer by adding a donation [here](#)