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Mater's GP Education Conference—making waves in GP education

Saturday 11 to Sunday 12 February 2012,
Surfers Paradise Marriot Resort and Spa



Picture it now ... you're relaxing on a poolside cabana; it's a beautiful warm day and the only thing you need to decide is if you'd prefer a cold cocktail or explore Marriott's private salt water lagoon, snorkelling with a beautiful array of tropical fish.

Mater Health Services invites you to join your colleagues on a tropical escape to the well renowned and newly renovated five star Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa where you will relax, unwind and re-energise.

The setting will be stunning but more importantly the weekend will provide first class education delivered by leading Mater specialists for you to improve patient care and gain valuable RACGP points.

We look forward to seeing you poolside.

Saturday | 11 February 2012

9 am–9.45 am	Delegate registration and morning tea	
9.45 am–10 am	Welcome	
10 am–10.30 am	Vascular	Advanced Life Support
10.30 am–11.30 am	Cardiology and Radiology	
11.30 am–12 pm	Respiratory and Sleep Medicine	
12 pm–12.40 pm	Lunch	
12.40 pm–1.20 pm	Geriatrics	Advanced Life Support continued
1.20 pm–1.50 pm	Urology	
1.50 pm–2.40 pm	Rehabilitation and Pain Management	
2.40 pm–3 pm	Afternoon tea	
3 pm–3.40 pm	Infectious Diseases	Advanced Life Support continued
3.40 pm–4.20 pm	Urology	
4.20 pm–5 pm	Endocrinology	
7 pm–10 pm	Cocktail Party	

Sunday | 12 February 2012

8.20 am to 8.30 am	Delegate sign-in	
8.30 am to 9.30 am	Gastroenterology	Basic Life Support
9.30 am to 10.30 am	Cardiology and Radiology	
10.30 am to 11 am	Morning tea	
11 am to 12 pm	General Surgery	Cancer
12 pm to 12.45 pm	Dermatology	Urology
12.45 pm to 1.45 pm	Lunch	

Mater's GP Education Conference will be submitted to the RACGP for point allocation for Quality Improvement and Continuing Education program for the 2011-2013 triennium (40 Category 1 points). The outcome of this application will be published at a later date.

Full Delegate Registration - \$450 inc GST:

- two days conference registration (Saturday and Sunday)
- one night accommodation in a hinterland view guest room
- cocktail party for two on Saturday evening
- breakfast for two on Sunday.

Day Delegate Registration rates are also available.

TO REGISTER Visit materonline.org.au and click on 'events'.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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CEO's Message

As we near the end of another busy year it is always useful to take the time to reflect on the achievements of the past year and to look ahead to what challenges the New Year may bring.

A significant recent achievement for Mater has been the preliminary results of our Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Accreditation periodic review. In brief we have maintained our unblemished record of remaining fully accredited and not having any high priority recommendations. Although not yet mandatory, Mater chose to ask ACHS to do a concurrent survey against the new National Standards, which have been endorsed since July, and which will become mandatory from 2013. Mater is one of the few large scale health care organisations to undertake this survey, and the results are exceptional. My thanks and congratulations to all staff for setting such a high standard—which of course has a direct impact on the care and clinical outcomes of our patients. The full report of our ACHS survey will come from ACHS in December so do look for further information in the next edition of Generally Speaking.

In 2011 Mater has achieved many successes which have been recognised in many different ways. In this edition of Generally Speaking, on page three, we learn about the achievement of Executive Director of People and Learning Caroline Hudson in being awarded the bronze Vanguard Award at the Chief Learning Officer magazine's global Learning In Practice Awards held in California.

Another success this year has been our GP Education program. We received excellent feedback from the Women's Health Conference, held at Hyatt Regency Sanctuary Cove in October and a review of the conference can be found on this page. The upcoming GP education program for 2012 is outlined on page eight and the front cover provides details of the GP education conference for 2012 to be held at Surfers Paradise Marriot Resort and Spa. This is sure to be an impressive event in terms of the educational content, the facilities at the resort and the social opportunities—so don't delay in booking your place.

In wrapping up another year, on behalf of all Mater staff, I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas.

Regards,
Dr John O'Donnell
CEO Mater Health Services

Mater Women's Health Conference —“Great speakers, relevant and informative—excellent conference!”

Mater's Women's Health Conference for 2011 drew excellent feedback from over 170 delegates eager to update their knowledge on all things women's health, with delegates praising the speakers as 'very knowledgeable' and as providing 'excellent education' with 'clear content'.

The dynamic one and a half day conference program included a wide range of women's health related topics along with an Antenatal Shared Care Alignment Program—for those wishing to share care with Mater Mothers' Hospital—and for the first time an Advanced Alignment Program. All aspects of the conference were rated relevant by the GPs to assist in improving their individual practice.

Saturday night was a well-deserved break for all after a full day of comprehensive education. Everyone at the dinner enjoyed a spot of dancing under the stars with the energetic band, and catching up with colleagues over dinner and drinks by the picturesque Fountain Terrace.

For those who couldn't join the Mater team this time don't forget to book in for our next conference at Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa in February 2012.



From Left: Doctors Bernard Wellmann, Karin Kochmann, Violette Hannaa and Karen Veary

Save the date

Mater's next GP Education Conference will take place on 11 and 12 February 2012 at Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa.



Mr Lee Turner and Dr Sarah Mitchell



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■ | Mater wins bronze at Learning In Practice Awards

Mater Health Services People and Learning Executive Director Caroline Hudson has been awarded the bronze Vanguard Award at Chief Learning Officer magazine's global Learning In Practice Awards in California.

The Learning in Practice Awards recognise industry leaders who have demonstrated excellence in the design and delivery of employee development programs.

"I am absolutely delighted to have received this award as an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of the People and Learning team at Mater," Ms Hudson said.

The Vanguard Award honours executives who have either launched a new enterprise learning function or completely overhauled existing workforce development initiatives.

Ms Hudson's bronze award win was based on the design and delivery of the Mater Managers Program and reflects the depth, focus and genuine relevance of this program.

"Mater Managers Program provides Mater with a formal, structured,

consistent and robust approach to ensure managers have the skills and knowledge to perform effectively in their current roles and to manage the business units for which they are responsible," Ms Hudson said.

"The content and approach of the program reflect Mater's strategic and operational business objectives, and support alignment, relationship building, and improved collaboration of managers and leaders across the business."

President and Editor In Chief of Chief Learning Officer magazine Norm Kamikow said the Learning In Practice Awards were established to recognise transformational and visionary leaders in enterprise education.

"A record number of top learning executives and solution providers were nominated by their peers this year. The winners are the industry leaders who truly champion innovation and transform it into learning and value for their organisations," Mr Kamikow said.

■ | Generous support leads to greater patient transport

The generous support of the Bayside community has enabled Mater Private Hospital Redland to purchase a new vehicle to be used for patient transport.

Mater Private Hospital Redland Clinical Services Director Tracey Hutley said the purchase was made possible thanks to generous donations from Mater Foundation, Redlands Sporting Club, Mater Private Hospital Redland Ladies' Auxiliary and Oldmac Toyota.

"The car, a Toyota Corolla Seca, will be used to transport patients around our campus," Ms Hutley said.

"In the future, it will also be used by our occupational therapists to visit the homes of our rehabilitation patients in order to check they have all the necessary equipment in place to ensure they are safe to go home.

"We are very grateful for the support of our donors and also to Peter Cunningham at Oldmac Toyota Cleveland for his help in getting us the right car for our needs."

Redlands Sporting Club President Don Seccombe said the club had been a long-time supporter of Mater Private Hospital Redland.

"Sr Marcia told me there was an urgent need for a vehicle to transport patients around the campus and to enable staff to make home visits when required so I contacted Oldmac Toyota and they were only too happy to support us with this request," Mr Seccombe said.



Mater Private Hospital Redland Support Services Assistant Johnathan Moore with the new vehicle.

"Redlands Sporting Club was also delighted to provide financial support because this means a lot to patients in need of care in our community."

■ | Case Study: Cancer recurrence after 11 years

Dr Chris Pyke is a general surgeon with a special interest in breast and endocrine surgery at Mater and is a part of Mater Private Breast Cancer Centre.

Breast cancer remains the most common cancer in Queensland women with approximately 2500 women diagnosed each year. More than 800 breast cancer patients are treated at Mater each year.

This case report demonstrates complicated follow up in a female, 42-year-old patient who had breast cancer in 1999, and in the presence of pre-existing breast prostheses, and subsequent plastic surgery.

In 1999, the patient underwent a right breast wide excision and axillary sampling for a T1 N0 right breast cancer.

The patient underwent postoperative radiotherapy to the right breast. She had no other systemic adjuvant therapy.

Two years post-op she underwent replacement of her breast prostheses which had been in situ for 20 years.

Her follow up was otherwise uncomplicated. She developed atrophic vaginitis peri-menopausally and was commenced on topical vaginal cream.

In April 2011, she developed a thickening inferior to her previous breast surgery.

An MRI suggested a number of new lesions in the right breast which would be difficult to perform core biopsy on.

It was suggested the patient undergo wire localised excision.

Wire localised excision showed recurrent cancer in the same quadrant of the breast where she had previously had surgery and radiotherapy.

The patient's request was for bilateral mastectomy because of the ongoing difficulties with breast screening in the presence of prostheses.

She also requested removal of the prostheses, as she was worried about having further breast surgery in the future due to complications.

Prior to proceeding with bilateral mastectomy the patient underwent total body staging, and this revealed no distant lesions.

She also underwent lymphoscintigraphy on the day of surgery in order that the sentinel node could be removed.

The pre-operative lymphoscintigraphic mapping showed that the sentinel lymph node was in the contralateral axilla.

On the day of surgery she underwent a right mastectomy and removal of the implant, as well as prophylactic left mastectomy and removal of the implant and left axillary sampling.

The results of her pathology revealed that the left axillary sentinel node was involved with tumour. She underwent subsequent further axillary sampling.

The case illustrates the benefit of MRI in complicated follow up with breast implants in situ, the value of pre-operative lymphoscintigraphic mapping, and also the difficulty with sentinel node biopsy in a patient who has previously had lymph nodes removed in the ipsilateral axilla.

Image 1 & 2: Pre-operative sentinel node mapping scintigram showing the sentinel node to be in the left axilla, contralateral to the patient's breast cancer recurrence. This node showed metastatic disease.

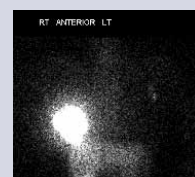


Image 1



Image 2





Which Doctor?

Dr Michael Hatzifotis
Specialty: General Surgeon

Dr Michael Hatzifotis is a General Surgeon with sub-specialty training in hepato-pancreato-biliary surgery and bariatric surgery.

Following his training in general surgery in Queensland, Dr Hatzifotis obtained his Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2008, before completing three further years of specialist training in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery. He was the Fellow in Advanced Laparoscopic Hepato-pancreato-biliary and Bariatric Surgery at the Pioneering Laparoscopic Unit at the Royal Brisbane Hospital in 2008. The following year was spent in Melbourne, where he trained as the hepato-pancreato-biliary and Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellow at St. Vincent's Hospital. In 2010, he returned to Brisbane and undertook further training in advanced hepato-pancreato-biliary surgery and liver transplantation at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Dr Hatzifotis has a keen interest in all aspects of general surgery, and is very happy to provide a comprehensive general surgical service. He performs a broad spectrum of laparoscopic procedures, including hernia repair, cholecystectomy and common bile duct exploration, splenectomy, laparoscopic fundoplication and hiatus hernia repair, gastric resections, adrenalectomy, and colonic resections. He also performs laparoscopic pancreatic and liver resections. Dr Hatzifotis operates at Mater Private Hospital Redland and endeavors to see all new referrals within one week.

Referrals for insured patients can be made to Dr Hatzifotis at:

Mater Private Hospital Redland, Weippin Street, Cleveland QLD 4163
Telephone: **07 3847 7002** or Facsimile: **07 3847 3002**



Which Doctor?

Dr Stephen Allison
Specialty: General and Colorectal Surgeon

Mater Private Hospital Redland is pleased to welcome Colorectal Surgeon Dr Stephen Allison to its team of highly respected specialists.

Dr Stephen Allison completed his general surgical training in 1997, before undertaking two fellowships in colorectal surgery; one year in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK, and one year at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA. Dr Allison then returned to Australia in March 2000 and started private practice.

Dr Allison provides treatment in all areas of colorectal surgery, including advanced laparoscopic intervention for colorectal cancer, functional bowel conditions (constipation, obstructed defaecation, and faecal incontinence) and inflammatory bowel disease as well as colonoscopy.

He can manage complex anorectal cases and provides cutting-edge investigations for anorectal pathology.

Dr Allison also provides general surgical treatment, with extensive experience in laparoscopic surgery in particular for both gallbladder and hernia management.

Dr Allison is now available for consultations at Mater Private Hospital Redland.

Referrals for insured patients can be made to Dr Allison at:

Mater Private Hospital Redland, Weippin Street, Cleveland QLD 4163
Telephone: **07 3397 2634** or Facsimile: **07 3397 2568**



■ Mater Pathology implements new technology for more rapid results

New technology at Mater Pathology is enabling more rapid identification of organisms, reducing identification times by 18-24 hours from positive blood cultures.

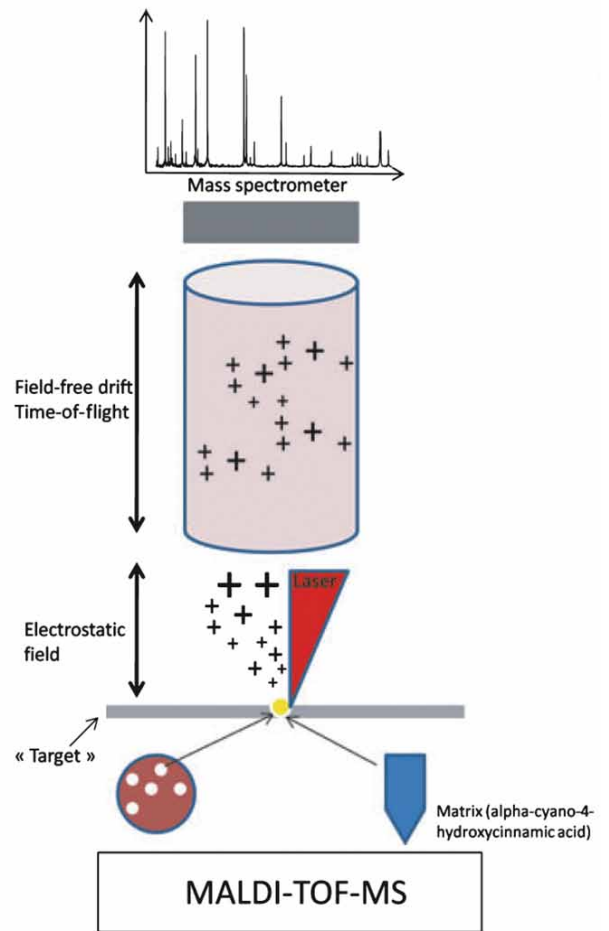
As one of the first laboratories in Australia to implement the routine use of the MALDI-TOF MS—(matrix—assisted laser desorption/ionisation time-of-flight mass spectrometry)—Mater Pathology is able to provide results much more quickly than with the previously used biochemical based identification systems.

Identification of microorganisms by MALDI-TOF MS is based on the principle that different species possess distinct spectral profiles. It is performed by applying a thin smear of bacterial cells to a target plate and overlaying this with a matrix solution. The target plate, which can accommodate multiple specimens, is then placed in the MALDI-TOF MS instrument.

Laser pulses hit the specimen, resulting in the formation of desorbed and ionised molecules which are accelerated through an electrostatic field and then pass through a field-free tunnel towards a detector. Molecules of different masses and charges travel at different speeds, resulting in distinct species-specific spectral patterns with spikes ranging from 1000 to 20 000 m/z (mass-to-charge ratio). The spectrum for a given sample is compared to a database containing reference spectra from thousands of bacterial isolates, and identification to genus or species level is provided, depending on criteria set by the manufacturer.

Mater Pathology will be using this technology on other samples in due course enabling the identification of other cultures within 24 hours. Further updates will be provided in future editions of Generally Speaking.

For further information, please contact Acting Director of Microbiology Dr Sanmarie Schlebusch on 07 3163 8500 or sanmarie.schlebusch@mater.org.au





■ | Mater wins Sustainability Award

Mater Health Services (MHS) has won the 2011 Business South Bank (BSB) Sustainability Award due to our comprehensive approach to water, energy and waste management across campus.

Sustainability Manager Chris Hill said he was delighted Mater had been honoured by Business South Bank for its efforts to date.

“This award acknowledges an ongoing organisation-wide commitment to sustainable business practices and a genuine understanding about Mater’s responsibilities as a provider of exceptional care,” Mr Hill said.

“While we are still relatively early in our sustainable journey, changes made at different levels of the organisation are starting to gather momentum.

“Our next focus will be on consumption management, with an aim to reduce our carbon footprint by reducing energy loads throughout Mater.”

The BSB Sustainability Committee commented that MHS not only demonstrated strong achievements across all criteria, but also provided an example of what can be successfully achieved when change moves through an organisation from Board to staff level.

Some of the key initiatives Mater has implemented in the past 12 months include:

- The ‘Turn it off’ campaign encouraging staff to switch off lights, computers and air-conditioning at the end of the day.
- The negotiation of a new waste contract which will lead to segregation and recycling of waste across all of Mater.
- Encouraging staff to use videoconferencing rather than travel to other sites for meetings to reduce carbon emissions.



For more information on Mater’s future sustainability plans, contact Chris Hill on **07 3163 5188** or visit www.mater.org.au.



Exceptional People. Exceptional Care.

Mater Shared Electronic Health Record

The Mater Shared Electronic Health Record combines Mater Doctor Portal and a new patient portal to electronically share information between you, your patients and Mater Mothers’ Hospital.

This enables your patients’ information to be available when you need it, wherever you need it.

Email Gerard at gerard.gallagher@mater.org.au for more information.





Mark your diaries—in 2012 Mater will showcase quality education delivered by exceptional specialists over a broad range of topics to assist GPs in providing the best outcomes for patients and gain valuable RACGP points.

Escape for the weekend at one of our coastal conferences, or simply join your colleagues for a relaxing dinner and drinks at our evening events—we look forward to welcoming you to one of our exceptional events!

GP EDUCATION CONFERENCES

GP Education Conference — Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa

DATE	TOPIC	CATEGORY POINTS*
Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February 2012	Advanced life support, basic life support, cancer, cardiology and radiology, dermatology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, general surgery, geriatrics, infectious diseases, rehabilitation and pain management, respiratory and sleep medicine, urology and vascular.	40 Category 1 Points

Women's Health GP Education Conference — Venue TBC

DATE	TOPIC	CATEGORY POINTS*
Second half of 2012 — date TBC	Breast cancer, obstetrics, gynaecology, urogynaecology, cervical cancer, paediatrics, Maternal Fetal Medicine and Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care standard and advanced alignment streams.	40 Category 1 Points

MATER PRIVATE HOSPITAL REDLAND

GP EDUCATION NIGHTS

Mater Health Centre Redland Conference Room
16 Weippin Street, Cleveland

DATE	TOPIC	CATEGORY POINTS*
Tuesday 27 March 2012	Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points
Tuesday 5 June 2012	Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points
Tuesday 11 September 2012	Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points

MATER SOUTH BRISBANE GP EDUCATION NIGHTS

Mater Medical Centre Conference Room, 293 Vulture Street, South Brisbane

DATE	TOPIC	CATEGORY POINTS*
Tuesday 6 March 2012	Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points
Tuesday 17 April 2012	Shared Care Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points
Tuesday 15 May 2012	Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points
Tuesday 31 July 2012	Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points
Tuesday 4 September 2012	Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points
Tuesday 30 October 2012	Shared Care Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points
Tuesday 13 November 2012	Topic TBC	4 Category 2 Points

GP MATERNITY SHARED CARE ALIGNMENT PROGRAM

Mater Medical Centre Conference Room, 293 Vulture Street South Brisbane

DATE	TOPIC	CATEGORY POINTS*
Saturday 24 March 2012	Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care - Alignment Program Part 1 and 2	40 Category 1 Points
Tuesday 22 May 2012	Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care - Alignment Program Part 1	40 Category 1 Points
Tuesday 29 May 2012	Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care - Alignment Program Part 2	
Saturday 18 August 2012	Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care - Alignment Program Part 1 and 2	40 Category 1 Points
Second half of 2012 — Date TBC	Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care - Alignment Program Part 1 and 2 (Alignment stream as part of Women's Health Conference)	40 Category 1 Points

GP MATERNITY SHARED CARE ADVANCED ALIGNMENT PROGRAM

Mater Medical Centre Conference Room, 293 Vulture Street South Brisbane

DATE	TOPIC	CATEGORY POINTS*
Tuesday 21 February 2012	Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care - ADVANCED Alignment Program Part 1	40 Category 1 Points
Tuesday 28 February 2012	Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care - ADVANCED Alignment Program Part 2	
Saturday 14 July 2012	Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care - ADVANCED Alignment Program Part 1 and 2	40 Category 1 Points
Second half of 2012 — Date TBC	Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care - ADVANCED Alignment Program Part 1 and 2 (Alignment stream as part of Women's Health Conference)	40 Category 1 Points

TO REGISTER

Download a registration form at materonline.org.au by clicking on 'events', or keep an eye out for your regular invitation fax.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Sara McDonald on telephone 07 3163 1036 or email sara.mcdonald@mater.org.au.

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