

NEW NEUROSCIENCES CENTRE PLANNED FOR MATER

Designed with patients in mind, a new neurosciences centre at Mater will form a specialised hub for neuroscience activity in Queensland when the facility opens next year.

The transition of publicly-funded paediatric services from Mater Children's Hospital to Lady Cilento Children's Hospital later this year provides a unique opportunity for Mater to expand, reconfigure and redefine services on the Brisbane campus.

To augment the Mater Neurosciences development strategy that has spanned the past 10 years, Neurosciences has been identified as a service that would benefit from a move into a dedicated space where theatres, recovery, ICU and inpatient accommodation are specifically modelled around neurosciences and spine services.

"Once the move of publicly-funded paediatric patients from Mater Children's Hospital to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital occurs in November this year, we will relocate all current neurosciences and spine services into what is now the Mater Children's Hospital building," Mater Private Hospitals Executive Director Don Murray said.

"By developing a specialist Neurosciences Centre in what is currently Mater Children's Hospital, we will also open up much-needed theatre time and bed capacity in Mater Private Hospital Brisbane."

The advance of the Mater Neurosciences Centre aligns with Mater's Mission to provide healthcare in response to the changing community need and foster high standards in health-related education and research.

Mater has a long, proud history delivering neurosurgical services to the community—Queensland's first neurosurgical unit was established at Mater in 1954 by Dr Geoff Toakley as neurosurgeon and Dr Peter Landy as physician.

Since then, Mater's commitment to neurosurgery has experienced continued growth and has been evident through the development of specialised operating theatres and the introduction of leading edge technologies that enable faster, more accurate procedures with enhanced patient outcomes.



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Generally Speaking is transitioning to an e-newsletter format, making it more convenient for you to access relevant news from Mater.

The e-newsletter will be sent directly to your nominated inbox on a bi-monthly basis to provide you with important information on GP education events and exciting news on Mater services and medical advancements.

If you would like to register please email the following details to Kristina Conley, kristina.conley@mater.org.au (name, email, practice name and telephone number).



MATER'S GP EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2014

Saturday 1 November to Sunday 2 November 2014, Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa

Mater Health Services invites you to join your colleagues for a wonderful coastal escape on the Gold Coast and enjoy an educational two-day program at the renowned, five star Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa.

Covering a wide variety of topics relevant to GP practice, the interactive program is focused on improving patient care. Topics will include neurosurgery, paediatrics, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, cancer, women's health, dermatology, adolescent health, emergency medicine, cardiology and financial management.

Mater's Shared Care Alignment Program and Advanced Life Support will also feature at the conference.

Mater's award winning conferences are not to be missed. Not only do they provide GPs with an outstanding education program, they offer fantastic social and networking opportunities and are a great way to gain valuable RACGP points (40 Category 1 points).

FURTHER INFORMATION

To register or for further information please visit Mater's online registration portal located at www.materonline.org.au/2014 or contact Kristina Conley on **07 3163 6638** or kristina.conley@mater.org.au.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Full delegate registration \$480 inc GST

- two-day conference registration (Saturday and Sunday)
- one night accommodation in a hinterland view guest room and breakfast on Sunday
- delegate handbook with presentation slides
- cocktail function for two adults on Saturday evening
- parking for the weekend
- access to the resort's fitness centre and two tennis courts
- Wi-Fi access on conference floors.

Day delegate packages are available from \$70 inc GST.



REDLAND NAMED A 'BABY FRIENDLY' HOSPITAL

Mater Mothers' Private Redland has achieved 100 per cent compliance in the Baby Friendly Health Initiative (BFHI).

The team at Mater Private Hospital Redland spent almost two years working towards the goal, with accreditors visiting the facility in late 2013 to carry out an audit of services.

As part of the process, more than 20 Mater Mothers' Private Redland staff were interviewed ranging from midwives and nurses to obstetricians and paediatricians as well as procurement, kitchen and support services staff.

Mater Private Hospital Redland Director of Clinical Services Tracey Hutley thanked her team for their tireless efforts.

"As all of our staff will know, this was a 12 to 24 month project that involved all members of the Redland team, skilfully led by Helen Coates and Ellie Grieve in partnership with members of the Mater Mothers' Hospital team.

"This is a wonderful recognition of everyone's commitment to BFHI and clinical care that is in accordance with best practice."

The hospital also achieved four commendations including:

"Congratulations to all staff in regards to the importance that is placed on and use of skin to skin during the entire inpatient episode regardless of the parent's choice of infant feeding regime."

WHICH DOCTOR?

DR ANTHONY CAMUGLIA

Dr Anthony Camuglia is an interventional and general cardiologist consulting at Mater Private Hospital Brisbane.



Dr Camuglia joined Heart Care Partners earlier this year after returning from Canada where he completed a fellowship in interventional cardiology at London Health Sciences Centre and the University of Western Ontario, Canada.

He performs coronary procedures predominately by the radial artery approach and is experienced in acute and elective coronary interventions.

Dr Camuglia also has experience in structural heart disease interventions, including percutaneous management of aortic valve disease.

Prior to his interventional training, Dr Camuglia graduated medical school with first class honours from Monash University, Melbourne and subsequently underwent post-graduate internal medicine training at The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne. He continued advanced cardiology training at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and The Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane.

Dr Camuglia has published several articles in peer-reviewed journals and has also presented research findings at national and international meetings.

Referrals can be made to Dr Camuglia at:

Heart Care Partners
Mater Private Hospital Brisbane, Suite 5.11,
Level 5, 550 Stanley St, South Brisbane QLD 4101
Telephone: 07 3360 7100 **Facsimile:** 07 3217 2550
Website: www.heartcarepartners.com.au

DR WILL MILFORD

An obstetrics and gynecology specialist, with expertise in high-risk pregnancies, Dr Will Milford practices at Mater Mothers' Private Brisbane.



Dr Milford graduated from Monash University before relocating to Brisbane where he completed his specialist training in obstetrics and gynaecology, working in both tertiary and outer-metropolitan hospitals around Brisbane.

During this time Dr Milford has developed expertise in caring for women with high risk pregnancies who have medical problems or who have had previous complications such as stillbirth, recurrent late miscarriage, fetal abnormalities or early preterm deliveries in previous pregnancies.

As a trainee, Dr Milford has been active in medical politics, having been a representative for junior doctors on the governing Councils of both the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) and the Australian Medical Association.

Dr Milford is also completing a Masters in Public Health with interests in epidemiology and health systems. In his medico-political role he has been intricately involved in workforce policy development, training program evolution, trainee education and junior doctor advocacy.

Referrals can be made to Dr Milford at:

Arrivals Obstetric Centre
588 Stanley St
Woolloongabba QLD 4102
Telephone: 07 3846 7911 **Facsimile:** 07 3846 7688
Website: www.babyarrivals.com.au

MATER MOTHERS' SHARED CARE EVENT

The 2014-16 triennium has now commenced and GPs requiring re-alignment have the opportunity to take part in the Mater Mothers' Hospital (MMH) GP Maternity Shared Care Advanced Alignment Program next month.

GPs aligned from the 2009-2011 triennium, but have not undertaken re-alignment since and wish to provide maternity shared care with MMH, are required to register prior to June this year.

The program has aligned over 700 GPs since it commenced in November 2008. Participant feedback has been very high

and there has been a significant improvement in the quality of shared care.

You can undertake re-alignment by attending the MMH GP Maternity Shared Care Advanced Alignment Program on Tuesday 27 May (Part 1) and Tuesday 3 June (Part 2).

To register visit www.materonline.org.au/events. For further information visit www.materonline.org.au/sharedcare or contact Sarah Renals, Projects Coordinator on telephone **07 3163 1967** or email: sarah.renals@mater.org.au.



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MATER DOCTOR CLOSER TO ERADICATE MALARIA

Mater's Director of Infectious Diseases Dr Paul Griffin has recently conducted a trial to test transmission-blocking malaria vaccines.

The Experimental Vivax Transmission to Anopheles (EVITA) trial stemmed from the current lack of transmission-blocking malaria treatment in clinical settings.

"Malaria is a terrible disease killing almost a million people per year, particularly in vulnerable populations, which contributes to an ongoing cycle of poverty and disease," Dr Griffin said.

Under the supervision of Dr James McCarthy and the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR), the EVITA trial aimed to evaluate the P.Vivax induced blood stage malaria model, followed by experimental mosquito feeding as a system to study infectivity to vector mosquitoes.

EVITA consisted of four healthy subjects who were inoculated with malaria to test the blocking of malaria transmission. A controlled group of mosquitos were then forced to feed on the inoculated subjects for testing purposes.

After an incubation period of 10 days, mosquitos were dissected to test for the infectious component of the malaria disease.



According to the World Health Organisation¹ in 2011 there were 23.8 million reported cases of malaria worldwide.

Dr Griffin said although the study is based in Australia, he hopes to find an effective transmission-blocking vaccine that can immunise communities around the world.

"We hope that our work will eventually contribute to a reduction in the burden of malaria by utilising the transmission-blocking model we've established. We also hope to develop transmission-blocking drugs and vaccines much more rapidly through the use of this model," he said.

¹ <http://apps.who.int/gho/data/view.main.14120?lang=en>

Mater Pathology opens at Bulimba

pathology.mater.org.au

Mater Pathology has expanded its collection centre network with the addition of a new centre at Bulimba.

The centre is open on Monday to Friday from 8 am to 12 pm and is located at Suite 1 A, Level one, 200 Oxford Street Bulimba.

For more information telephone 07 3163 8500.

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