Maleny’s Movement Disorder Clinic changing lives

The Maleny Soldier’s and Memorial Hospital is running a highly successful Movement Disorder Clinic, helping patients with the management and treatment of Parkinson’s disease and other related movement disorders.

The multidisciplinary approach to patient care of the Movement Disorder Clinic is one of a kind in the region.

Senior Medical Superintendant Ted Chamberlain says patients’ can access a range of allied health professionals in one location, and this is significantly improving outcomes.

“For patients dealing with Parkinson’s disease in particular, the Movement Disorders Clinic means they can now see the consultant, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, speech pathologist, all in one day, so it’s a one stop shop. When a patient leaves the clinic, they have a complete care plan packaged up for them.”

“Prior to this initiative, patients would need to access these services in separate appointments, which could take between 6 and 8 weeks,” Dr Chamberlain said.

Parkinson’s disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the central nervous system which results in the loss of coordinated function of the body’s muscles and movement.

There are a number of treatments available, but common treatments sometimes only give limited results for patients.

Through the multidisciplinary approach of Maleny Movement Disorder Clinic, practitioners are trialling the use new medication.

68 year old Chevallum resident Phillip Manning has been attending the clinic for treatment of his Parkinson’s disease, and has experienced a significant improvement in his ability to walk and move.

“I’ve had amazing results, it’s allowed me to regain a lot of my mobility and I’m able to walk a lot easier and regain my independence. Recently Dr Chamberlain gave me medical clearance so I can get back my driver’s licence. Having independence again has made a huge difference.”

“The movement clinic is very convenient for me to attend, as it means I can meet with all the specialists I need at the one spot,” Mr Manning said.
The Movement Disorders clinic has been operating out of Maleny Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital for around 18 months and is treating patients from across the whole of the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service.

**Media are invited to visit the clinic and meet with Dr Ted Chamberlain as well as patient Phillip Manning.**

**Where:** Maleny Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital  
**When:** Thursday December 3rd at 12:00pm  
**Video of Mr Manning’s progress is available on request.**

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