Hospital-level health care, delivered at home

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) is excited to announce it is expanding its care to people in their own home through a new partnership with Silver Chain, one of the largest in-home health care providers in Australia.

SCHHS Chief Executive Adj Professor Naomi Dwyer said the health service recognised that for many patients, being able to receive safe, timely care in their own home was a preferable and good option to a hospital admission.

“More and more patients prefer to access care at home. The program, known as Hospital in the Home (HITH) involves care being provided safely by clinicians from many specialties including infectious diseases, gerontology, general practice, emergency medicine, orthopaedics, cardiology, paediatrics, rehabilitation, respiratory, surgery and haematology,” she said.

“Through this program, we can provide a quality one-on-one service to eligible patients in the comfort of their own home, seven days a week. Importantly, our clinicians determine which patients are suitable for this type of care.”

Silver Chain A/Chief Executive Lyn Jones said the organisation was pleased to be working in partnership with Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service to deliver this valuable service to the local community.

“HITH provides patients with greater choice in their care, equal or better care outcomes, improved access to health services and improved efficiencies in service delivery,” she added.

HITH Clinical Director Dr Ted Chamberlain said HITH was the delivery of short term and after-hospital care in the patient’s home, as a substitute for being in hospital.

“HITH is a model of care that provides patients with a safe and high-quality alternative to hospital treatment in the comfort of their own home,” Dr Chamberlain said.

“Most patients prefer to be treated in the privacy of their home, with their family or friends on hand. They can resume normal activities and routines quickly.”

“Patients tend to have improved recovery and outcomes at home, generally with fewer complications.”

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