Region’s sickest patients in good hands in Nambour General Hospital

If you or a loved one is ever in need of critical hospital care, you’re in capable and caring hands in the intensive care unit (ICU) at Nambour General Hospital.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service’s (SCHHS) ICU team has been recognised throughout Australasia for continuous positive patient outcomes.

ICU Director Dr Chris Anstey said critical illnesses were traditionally associated with increased risk of death and as a result the mortality rate was one of the major outcome indicators reported through the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS) database by all participating ICUs in Australasia.

“Our ICU has been contributing data to the ANZICS database since 1998 and over that time our mortality rate has been consistently reducing,” Dr Anstey said.

ANZICS recently rated the mortality rate of Nambour General Hospital’s ICU one of the lowest among the metropolitan intensive care units in Australasia (published on its Australian adult ICU database, and patient outcomes—January 2014 to December 2015).

Dr Anstey said it was the quality of his dedicated team that continued to deliver quality outcomes for their patients.

“Our performance has been exceptional for years, and it’s gratifying for the team to see the results of their commitment to patient outcomes,” Dr Anstey said.

“Our ICU admissions have grown by 250 per cent since 1998 to our current level of about 1000 admissions a year,” he said.

“We’ve come a long way in 25 years when the ICU was just a two-bed, high dependency ward in Nambour General Hospital,” he said.

“We now have a team of highly-trained and dedicated clinicians who combine the very best in patient care (24 hours a day) in our 12-bed unit, using evidence-based research and providing clinical education,” he said.

When the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital opens, SCHHS will provide further enhanced intensive care services in the new purpose built tertiary level ICU.

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