

## Sunshine Coast University Hospital - opening 2017



# Clinical services

**Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) will provide a range of public hospital services to meet the growing demand for healthcare on the Sunshine Coast.**

Extensive planning and consultation with clinicians has been undertaken to determine the comprehensive range of clinical services that will be available at the new public hospital. Following its opening, services at SCUH will continue to expand in a planned way to ensure we meet our community's needs.

When SCUH opens in 2017, it will provide a range of services including emergency, cancer, maternity, rehabilitation, allied health, outpatient, general medical and surgery.

Speciality services such as cardiothoracic and neurosurgery are planned to begin in 2018. When SCUH is fully commissioned, it is estimated up to 10,000 fewer patients each year will no longer have to travel to Brisbane for complex treatments.

The new public hospital will provide a greater range of services for Sunshine Coast and Gympie residents.

## Public hospital services

### Emergency services

The emergency department will provide a 24-hour, tertiary-level service. The department is designed in line with best practice, and will support a specialised major trauma service for the Sunshine Coast population and the broader geographical area. Some patients will still be transferred to Brisbane for treatment of conditions such as spinal injuries and severe burns.

### Comprehensive cancer services

The Adem Crosby Centre will provide tertiary-level medical oncology, clinical haematology and radiation oncology services. Cancer care service components will include outpatients, haematology, chemotherapy, radiation oncology and acute inpatient services.

## Specialised medical and surgical services

At SCUH, a range of specialised medical and surgical services will be provided including:

- intensive care unit - for the critically ill
- coronary care unit - to treat adult patients with heart conditions
- extended day surgery unit - for patients preparing to undergo procedures/surgery who require a hospital stay of up to 48 hours
- operating room suite - general and specialised theatres for both planned and emergency surgery
- endoscopy suite - to provide diagnostic and interventional endoscopy and bronchoscopy procedures for patients with gastroenterological and respiratory conditions
- procedural laboratories - accommodating cardiac catheterisation, electrophysiology studies, angiography rooms for interventional radiology and transesophageal echocardiography
- clinical investigations unit - to provide a broad range of non-invasive, specialist diagnostic investigations for inpatients and outpatients for cardiology, vascular, neurology and respiratory medicine.

## Medical and surgical inpatient services

The new hospital will provide secondary and tertiary acute care services.

General inpatient units (or wards) will deliver flexible, general medical care, while specialty inpatient units will have enhanced facilities to meet more specific patient needs.



## The new public hospital will focus on providing tertiary services for the communities within Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service.

### Maternity services

The maternity service at SCUH will provide antenatal, birthing and postnatal care. Care will be delivered through a range of options depending on the wishes of women or their clinical condition, including a birthing centre operated by midwives.

Midwives, obstetricians and physicians will work in partnership with women to ensure appropriate education, support and preparation for the birth of their child and early parenthood.

The maternity service will be physically integrated and collocated with paediatric services, including a paediatric inpatient unit and a neonatal unit, to provide a family-focused approach to care.

### Rehabilitation services

Providing acute rehabilitation services, this unit will primarily cater to patients capable of taking part in a multi-disciplinary rehabilitation program.

The rehabilitation unit will offer services for patients with a range of conditions including spinal injury, acquired brain injury, neurodegenerative disease, chronic disease, amputations, musculoskeletal and developmental disorders.

### Mental health services

The mental health service will provide acute, mostly short-term, psychiatric and other mental health care. The mental health unit will include:

- an adult mental health intensive care unit
- an older person's mental health unit
- child and adolescent inpatient and day services.

### Clinical support services

SCUH will provide a comprehensive range of clinical support services including pathology, pharmacy, medical imaging, nuclear medicine, biomedical technology services and a central equipment service.

### Ambulatory care (outpatient) services

The ambulatory care centre will provide a full range of consultation, day treatment and related diagnostic services for patients on a non-admitted basis.

### Allied health services

At SCUH, patients will be able to access a range of allied health services including social work, physiotherapy, nutrition and dietetics, audiology, speech pathology and occupational therapy. Allied health services will be delivered through a multi-disciplinary team approach to better manage patients with complex healthcare needs.

### Renal services

The renal medicine service will provide medical care for patients with acute renal disease. Paediatric patients requiring haemodialysis will continue to receive treatment in Brisbane.

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