

Townsville University Hospital facility information

Cardiology - RMO Campaign 2021

Organisational:

Townsville University Hospital provides the full range of Adult Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery (with the exception of transplants):

- The Cardiac Catheterisation Suite is equipped with 2 Catheter Laboratories, one of them a biplane. The full range of Adult Cardiac Catheterisation, PCI, EP/Ablation/Device implantation and Structural heart disease procedures including TAVR/ASD/and PFO closures are performed.
- The Cardiac Investigations Unit is equipped with 5 state of the art echo machines including 3D imaging capability. More than 5000 studies including transoesophageal echocardiography (peri-operative echo included) and stress echo are performed per year. Other services offered included Holter, Ambulatory BP monitoring, Stress testing and Event Recorders.
- Approximately 400 Cardiothoracic Surgical cases are performed at the unit each year
- Inpatient care via a dedicated Cardiac ward and Coronary Care Unit.
- Intensive Care Unit.
- Chest Pain Assessment Unit.
- Heart Failure Service.
- Outreach Clinics to Mt Isa and the North West, Palm Island and hospitals within the THHS.

Cardiac Services is staffed by 8.4 FTE Cardiologists and 3 Cardiothoracic Surgeons. 2 Cardiology Advanced Trainee positions in addition to the 7 Basic Medical Trainees/PHO and an Angioplasty Fellow who share in the on call. Four Cardiology Resident and 2 Intern positions also exist. Research is actively encouraged, and Advanced Trainees are allotted a project on starting in the position.

Work Unit:

The Townsville University Hospital Cardiac Services Unit is the tertiary cardiac referral unit for North Queensland. The unit drains a population of approximately 650,000 people. The Cardiology Unit is part of the overall Surgical Service Group which includes Cardiothoracic surgery