

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital

Message From The GM



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Well, it seems nothing has changed from last month regarding the influx of sick patients, other than to say it has probably increased considerably. Staff that have worked at Fairfield for a long time cannot recall such a peak in activity in any other previous years. Whilst saying that, our staff keep on amazing me as to how they keep stretching themselves and provide an incredible service to our community during these peak periods.

Speaking of incredible performance, I was privy to witness how our staff responded recently to a major trauma that came to our door step – to see the calm, professional and cohesive way everyone worked together

in this extremely trying situation was something that I have only ever witnessed a couple of times in my health and probably rates as indeed the most impressive – so very proud of each and everyone of you. Recently we received a cheque for \$500 from the Cabramatta young LEO's Club for our Special Care Nursery (full story below) - it is just amazing to see so many young students interested in supporting their local hospital and other community groups – the youth of today receive enough bad press, so it is important we recognise outstanding contributions to the community by this group

Robyn El-Khair and I are continuing our school visitations with talks planned at another 2 schools in the coming weeks – it is really interesting to see the school children's responses when we inform them that there are many other job opportunities available in health (at Fairfield preferably) other than Doctors and Nurses (both worthwhile careers of course). The other side benefit that we are experiencing is when we speak to P&C parents and teachers, the lack of awareness of the fact that people can utilise their private health insurance in a public hospital and indeed by doing help the hospital

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Donations to the Special Care Nursery @ Fairfield

Thank you to the Student group LEO (Leadership, Experience Opportunity) and their supervising teacher Azadeh Slade for their \$500 donation that will go towards a freezer and a microwave to store and heat breast milk in the intensive care unit. The students raised the funds by selling food at a festival. The group was formed six years ago and has strong ties with Cabramatta Cabra-Vale Lions club which also supports Fairfield Hospital.



School Leadership Experience Opportunity members Amanda Eastwood, Ray Kim and Katrina Truitt with hospital general manager Anand Tammisani and community manager Robyn El-Khair.



A generous donation of a camera valued at \$1500 was also provided by Mrs Kellie Greenfield of Wetherill Park whose daughter was cared for in the Fairfield Special Care Unit for neonatal complications associated with maternal gestational diabetes. Mrs Greenfield wanted to express her gratitude for the amazing care her daughter received who is now two years of age. Mrs Greenfield recognised the importance of having photographs after her baby passed away in 2003 at RHW from a rare lung abnormality and the only photograph taken

was on her husband's phone as it was the only photographic equipment available at the nursery. Mrs Greenfield wanted to "give something back" for the dedication and kindness shown to her and her family and would hope that other families would benefit from having a photograph. The camera was purchased from donations through the Heartfelt Organisation which is a volunteer organisation dedicated to giving the gift of photographic memories to families that have experienced stillbirths, or have children with terminal illnesses.

New Equipment for Theatres

Operating Theatres at Fairfield have recently acquired 20 new Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) Machines. The new PCA machines are a suitable replacement and more technological advanced than the previous PCA machines Fairfield were using. PCA machines enable patients to have the ability to administer preloaded intravenous analgesia within the prescribed levels, without having to wait for clinical staff to assist with administration of medication.



General Practice (GP) Unit Update

Farewell to Drs Samuel Cheng and Catherine Lip who finished their rotation at the GP Unit at the beginning of August. Sam and Catherine were popular with patients and staff, and we thank them for their dedicated work and wonderful care they provided over the past six months. We wish them well and know that they will continue to develop into excellent general practitioners! Dr Cheng is presently in training general practice clinic in Yagoona, and Dr Lip in Menai.

Welcome to Dr Patrick Khoury! Taking over from Drs Cheng and Lip is Dr Patrick Khoury. Patrick is an advanced GP registrar (Trainee) and will be at the GP Unit full time for the next six months. We are very excited to have Patrick on board, who is an experienced former physiotherapist, and grew up in the local area! Dr Khoury still has family in Edensor Park and he was school captain of Bossley Park High School. Dr Khoury later studied medicine at the University of Wollongong, and worked as a junior doctor in the Illawarra. Most recently, he has entered the General Practice training Program and has been working at a training practice in Bankstown.



Researchers from the GP Unit have recently published an article in the prestigious *International Journal of Medical Informatics* on how to identify people with type 2 Diabetes, a major health problem in South Western Sydney, using the information in electronic health records (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijmedinf.2014.06.002>) This research was made possible by the "ePBRN" - the electronic practice based research network that was set up by prof Siaw-Teng Liaw of the GP unit. The ePBRN is a network of computerised general practice clinics and the Local health District in the Fairfield Neighbourhood. The objective is to improve patient care and health outcomes. Information from the individual clinics and sites are securely and confidentially linked—nothing that can identify an individual is extracted. With this linked data, feedback can be provided on the quality of the information, examine clinical indicators of care, identify patient groups at risk of hospital admission, and test clinical research questions and develop ways to enhance practice.

Community Participation

THE SWSLHD CONSUMER AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION UNIT

Invite you to attend our

Campbelltown Catholic Club (Functions area)
20 - 22 Camden Rd, Campbelltown

Annual Conference

Creating better partnerships for our community

RSVP to Cheryl Knight - 9828 5718 or
Cheryl.Knight@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

17th October 2014
9.30 till 3.00pm (registration from 8.30am)

Please let us know if you have
any specific dietary requirements



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WoH Project

The (who) "Who Owns The Timeline Study" analysis results are back. Strategies and Implementations for the Emergency Department and Patient Flow will be initiated.

All areas that have been in-serviced will have their Action Plans to identify issues and delays related to timely, quality or safe patient care collected soon.

Congratulations to all the areas who have utilized the Action Plans and /or issues boxes.

AMS Website

The Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) Intranet Site is now LIVE.

The AMS Site aims to provide the latest information on Antimicrobial Stewardship activities across the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD).



Click on AMS link to open



Breast feeding Week @ Fairfield

Fairfield Hospital celebrated World Breastfeeding Week!

Between 1-7 August 175 countries celebrate World Breastfeeding week (WBW). This year's theme was BREASTFEEDING "the Winning Goal for life" to acknowledge the contribution of breastfeeding to achieving the millennium Development Goals. Breastfeeding has demonstrated to be the single most cost effective way of improving the health for women and babies. Plus there is no ongoing financial burden for families.

Breastfeeding "plays a major role in Children's health and development and significantly benefits the health of mother's" state Dr. Savage Chairperson for WABA.

Midwives play an important role in helping women and babies achieve breastfeeding success. It's a team effort. The team also involves the Child & Family Nurses as well. On 5 August Fairfield celebrated the occasion with having a Find a Word

Puzzle, won by Gillian Baird from Occupational Therapy (her department showed great enthusiasm for the competition) - second prize went to Ngan Nguyen. We marked the occasion also by having a cake competition which was won by Sophea Ly - what a beautiful cake Sophea! And we enjoyed Afternoon Tea in Maternity to thank the midwives for their great effort supporting in promoting and protecting breastfeeding.



Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 6 August 2014 was presented by: Palliative Care on the topic: "High Quality Wnd of Life Care in Acute Care - Seizing the opportunities" by Dr. Elspeth Correy, Staff Specialist Palliative Medicine

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 20 August 2014 was presented by ythe Pharmacy Department on the topic of : "Medicine safety" by the Pharmacists



Fairfield Community Health Centre

The Child Family Nursing (CFHN) celebrated breastfeeding Awareness Week on 4-8 August 2014.

Breastfeeding Awareness week is held annually to celebrate and promote Breastfeeding.

South Western Sydney Local Health District is a Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace, which supports patients, clients and staff to maintain the optimal feeding for infants.

The Nurse Unit Manager (NUM) Lein Bui, Clinical Nurse Educator Sally Rickards, CFHN Heather Dimanche, CFHN Patricia Wiafe, Khmer Bilingual parenting Educator Vannak Ing, Clinical Nurse Specialist Maria Shawish, collaborated with Lactation Cosultant Pam Avis at

Fairfield Hospital and the Australian Breastfeeding Association to put together two visual displays.

One display for the Foyer at Fairfield Hospital and the other at South Western Sydney Local Health District Child & Family Health Nursing Staff Area. There was also an education in service on 6 August 2014.

Child and Family Nurses also tested their knowledge of breastfeeding with a quiz and a prize for the correct answers.



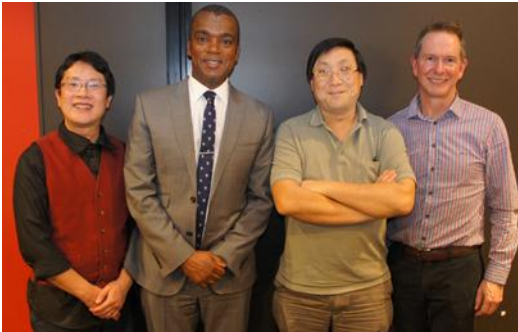
UNSW Award Ceremony

The Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Fairfield Hospital has been awarded the UNSW Clinical placement of the year award, 2014 in recognition of exemplary teaching and clinical supervision of UNSW medical students. We are very proud of this achievement which amply reflects the dedication of all our staff in provision of medical education to our medical students. I have also being informed students of UWS are now voicing their preference to be selected for clinical placement at Fairfield .

Individual clinical tutor awards were also presented to Dr. Nicholas Cheng and Dr. Laurence McCleary.

The Paediatric team was humbled by the recognition of the award that appropriately reflects the rich environment of membership and critical thinking provided to the students; fostered by supportive and collegial medical staff that encourages learning.

"These awards spurs us on with even greater enthusiasm to continue to improve the clinical placement educational program at Fairfield Hospital.



Dr. Winston Lo, Snr Lecturer UNSW, Dr. Laurence McCleary, Dr. Nichols Cheng and Professor Nick Zwar, UNSW.

Volunteer

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Mr. John Watt one of our long term volunteers has passed away.

John had been very kind in helping us as a volunteer for over the last 21 years. He had touched many of us directly or indirectly with his very jovial disposition and humour. He will definitely be missed.

Consumer Participation & Education Prevent strokes

STROKE WEEK IN WARD 1 A

Venue:- Fairfield Hospital, Tutorial Room ward 1A

Date:- Wednesday 10th September 2014

Time:- 13:30 – 15:30

Afternoon Tea provided

Proudly sponsored by Boehringer-Ingelheim

Walk for cancer

The Weekend to End Women's Cancers
Benefiting
The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA



Jenny Stein has registered to walk 60KMS over 20 days to raise awareness and funds for THE WEEKEND TO END WOMEN'S CANCER ON the 8 and 9 of November 2014. On Friday the 29 August all staff were invited to wear pink mufti for a gold coin donation. Hot dogs were also sold on the day to raise funds for the walk.

Donate to the WEEKEND journey by seeing Jenny in person at Ambulatory Care or Day Only Ward or go to the website and click to donate endcancer.org.au search for Jennifer Stein and donate online.