

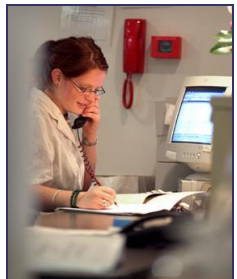
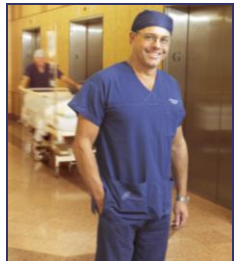


Acute Pain Management in The Private Sector

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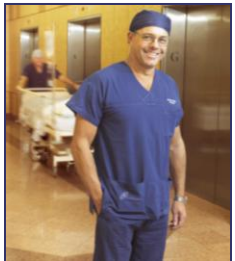


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St George Private Hospital

- In our 15 years of Clinical Excellence
- National Reputation with a Community Focus
- Our reputation:
 - Cardiology & Cardiothoracic Surgery
 - Orthopedics & Spinal Care
 - General Surgery
 - Colorectal Services
 - Neurosurgery
 - Urology
 - Cancer Care
 - Obstetrics & Gynaecology

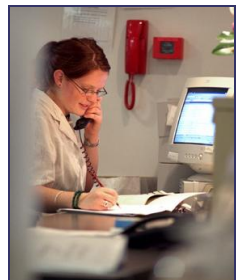
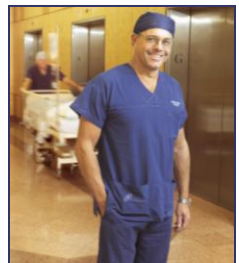




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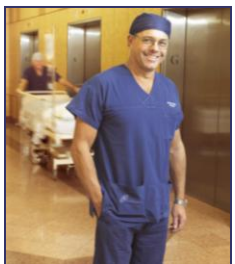
- Employees - 950
- 236 licensed beds with the majority of single rooms, we do have two bed and 2 three bed ward rooms
- 20 bed Day Surgery Unit
- 12 Theatres
- 10 bed ICU
- 7 Bed CCU
- Cardiac Catheter Lab
- Day Oncology Unit
- Sleep Lab
- Level II Special Care Nursery
- Onsite pharmacy, pathology, diagnostic imaging





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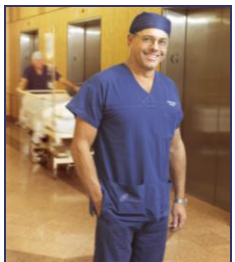


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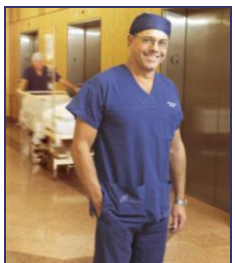
- Introduction: Medibank Private clinical project.
- The objective was to develop and trial a comprehensive pain management service and associated resources.





Acute Pain Management Why was it done?

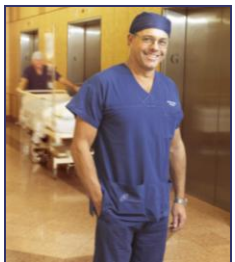
- Most patient complaints to the hospital were pain related.
- To develop an organisation wide, evidence based approach to acute pain management
- Improve patient acute pain outcomes in the immediate post-operative period
- Improve staff satisfaction





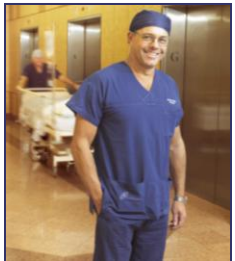
Acute Pain Management How was it done?

- Initially to be Anaesthetist/Nurse led
- Nurse led service developed working in collaboration with the Anaesthetics department.



Acute Pain Management: Maintaining the programme

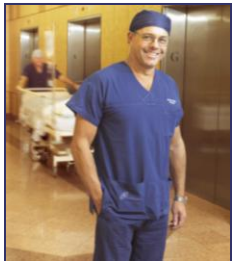
- Dedicated expert and clinical nurses.
- Daily assessment of post operative patients
- Liason with Primary Surgeons and Anaesthetists.





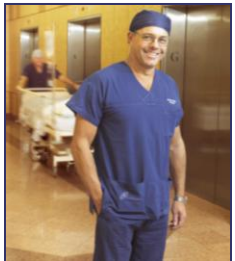
Maintaining the Programme

- Continued financial support from the Executive.
- Updating of clinical tools e.g Observation charts.
- Empower staff to be the patient advocate to ensure optimal pain relief and care.





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