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### Aboriginal Health Services

**Phone:** 9845 2641 or 9845 2642

**Location:** Social Work, Outpatients building, level 1 (near the ramp)

The Aboriginal Health Education Officer (AHEO) is situated in the Social Work Department. All Aboriginal patients and parents should be informed of the availability of the AHEO.

The AHEO is notified routinely of Aboriginal patients in the Emergency Department or on admission or attending Outpatients clinics.

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Academic Medical Genetics

**Phone:** 9845 3215/9845 3371

**Fax:** 9845 3204

**Email:** [DavidS@chw.edu.au](mailto:DavidS@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services Building, Level 1

## Services

The Academic Department of Medical Genetics is a collaboration between The Children's Hospital at Westmead and The University of Sydney.

The Department is a member of both the [Western Sydney Genetics Program](#) (WSGP) as well as the Discipline Group in Genetic Medicine in the University of Sydney. The Western Clinical School includes teachers at both Westmead Hospital as well as The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The Department co-ordinates the delivery of graduate and postgraduate teaching and training in Medical Genetics in the Western Clinical School, the Children's Hospital Clinical School and courses in medical genetics delivered on the main campus of the University.

The Academic Department comprises both core staff and all those members of Departments of the Western Sydney Genetics Program who have elected to contribute to teaching in medical genetics in the University of Sydney.

Members of the Academic Department of Medical Genetics have played key roles in the development of the Discipline of Genetic Medicine and its sub-disciplines on the Western Campus.

The Western Sydney Genetics Program is a leader in postgraduate professional training in clinical and laboratory genetics in Australia. In addition it provides teaching and training to medical graduates from Asia and the Western Pacific.

## Research

Enquiries should be directed to Professor David Sillence.

The Academic Department undertakes research in:

- Skeletal Dysplasias including the brittle bone disorder, Osteogenesis Imperfecta.
- Evaluation and clinical trials of new genetic therapies.
- Community Genetics including genetic issues in migrant populations in NSW.

Last updated: Thursday, 18 of January 2007

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Accommodation

**Phone:** 98452958

**Fax:** 98452959

**Email:** [hostel@chw.edu.au](mailto:hostel@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** level 2

**See also:** [Parent / Staff Accommodation](#)

Last updated: Monday, 4 of December 2006

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Admissions

**Phone:** 9845 3777

**Fax:** 9845 2681

**Location:** Opposite the main entrance, Main building, level 2

## Bed allocations and bookings:

The Patient Administration Department looks after the varied procedures for all patient admissions to the Hospital.

The staff includes:

- Enquiries: Enquiries for patients, visitors and staff at the Hospital.
- Bed Allocations: Bookings for patients requiring full admission, admit-day-of-surgery, and medical day-only admission.
- Day Surgery: Clerical duties relating to booking and admission of day-only and admit-day-of-surgery patients.
- Ward Receptionists: Reception and clerical support to the wards, including data entry of admissions, discharges and

ward transfers.

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Day Surgery](#)

Last updated: Friday, 1 of December 2006

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Adolescent Medicine

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**Location:** Off Ward Street, level 1

## Services

The Department of Adolescent Medicine provides inpatient and outpatient services to adolescents and their families at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. The Department's multidisciplinary team includes adolescent physicians, social workers, nurses, psychologists, occupational therapists and youth art workers. Clinical services at the Department are provided to young people accepting referrals for new patients under 16 years of age. Older adolescents 16 years and over can continue to be seen for ongoing management with transition to adult care planned for 18 years and over.

### Mission

The Department of Adolescent Medicine provides comprehensive multidisciplinary health care and health promotion for young people so that they may grow and develop to their full potential.

## Clinics

### Complex Adolescent Service

Multi-disciplinary assessment and treatment of complex symptomatic adolescents eg chronic pain syndromes, post viral fatigue syndrome.

Medical and psychosocial assessment, individual and family support, rehabilitation to school, occupational therapy (relaxation, organisation, stress management advice), cognitive-behavioural and family therapies.

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in Adolescent Medicine

### Chronic Illness Management/Transition Service

Consultation/Liaison service with subspecialty teams to facilitate chronic illness management and transition to adult care.

Subspecialties teams are encouraged to consult with the Department of Adolescent Medicine for advice around adolescent self management, adherence to therapy and complex case coordination.

### Transition to Adult Care

Refer to [Transition Services](#) webpage.

### CHIPS - Chronic Illness Peer Support Program

Group program providing support for young people living with chronic illness. Facilitated and based in Adolescent Medicine - pls phone Katie Wagner - 9845 2446 to discuss referrals of young people to the program. CHIPS offers peer support with a group program, social activities and annual camp.

### Eating Disorder Service

Based in Adolescent Medicine in conjunction with Psychological Medicine providing joint medical and psychiatric assessments of new patients with ongoing individual and family work by Psychosocial team.

Outpatient Clinics every Thursday.

### **Maudsley Family Based Treatment**

Intensive family therapy is provided for families whose adolescent has been in the eating disorder inpatient program upon discharge.

### **Adolescent Weight Management Service**

Based in Adolescent Medicine with medical, CNC, Psychosocial and Dietician support. Clinic targets adolescents with BMI >30-35.

Groups are run throughout each school term throughout the year. Individual and family assessment is undertaken prior to involvement in treatment or research programs.

1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

### **Child and Adolescent Gynaecology Clinic**

Based in Adolescent Medicine with Adolescent Gynaecologists, Adolescent physicians and psychosocial support as needed. Focussing on gynaecology issues associated with chronic illness, developmental disability as well as general adolescent gynaecology.

2 Fridays per month

### **At Risk Youth**

Outreach Clinic staffed by Adolescent Medicine's Medical Staff in a community setting which offers basic needs, medical, psychiatric, counselling and educational support.

Pls contact High Street Youth Health Service (HSYHS) Harris Park - 9687 2544

### **Teenlink**

Teenlink is a Collaborative service between Sydney West Area Drug & Alcohol Service (SWAHS) and the Department of Adolescent Medicine at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. It is a service for young people (aged 8 - 16 years) of parents linked with Sydney West Area Drug & Alcohol Service. Medical and Psychosocial support available.

### **Service of Addiction Medicine for Youth (SAMMY)**

This Service of Addiction Medicine for Youth is located at The Children's Hospital at Westmead in Adolescent Medical Unit. We see young people aged less than 16 years with issues of substance use.

### **Groupwork Program**

Groupwork program provides a regular group for all hospitalised adolescents each afternoon in Adolescent Medicine. Young people have the opportunity to participate in creative activities with their peers and supported by the groupwork team.

### **Youth Arts Program**

The Youth Arts Program is based in the Department of Adolescent Medicine and provides hospitalised adolescents with the opportunity to work creatively with the departments Artists. Patients can be seen individually or as part of the groupwork program which runs most weekday afternoons.

Please visit our webpage to see current and past projects [Youth Arts](#)

For more information and referrals contact the artists Natalie Anderson or Elise Franke on 9845 2446

For the groupwork program referrals contact Gavin Harrison on 9845 2446

### **Staff**

- Associate Professor Susan Towns - Dept Head and Senior Staff Specialist
- Professor David Bennett - Senior Staff Specialist
- Associate Professor Michael Kohn - Senior Staff Specialist
- Dr Anthony Zehetner - Staff Specialist - Teenlink
- Professor Kate Steinbeck - Chair in Adolescent Medicine

- Tina Cunningham - Executive Assistant for Chair in Adolescent Medicine
- Dr Joanne Morris - Honorary Staff Specialist
- Dr Bronwyn Milne - Staff Specialist - SAMY Addiction Medicine (maternity leave)
- Dr Catherine Silsbury - SAMY Locum
- Ronalda Hoffman - Senior Social Worker
- Andrew Wallis - Clinical Specialist Social Worker
- Helen Bibby - Clinical Psychologist
- Amy Cubitt - Senior Social Worker
- Gavin Harrison - Occupational Therapist
- Melanie Wilson - Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Popi Zappia - Psychologist (Teenlink and SAMY)
- Natalie Anderson - Arts Coordinator
- Elise Franke - Arts Coordinator
- Katie Wagner - CHIPS Coordinator
- Shelley Finlayson (Lennox) - PA to Clin A/Prof Susan Towns
- Jeanelle Wood - PA to Clin A/Prof Susan Towns
- Lisa Arrowsmith - Secretary
- Kim Matthews - Gynaecologist
- Rachel Skinner - Adolescent Physician, Gynaecology Clinic
- Rotating Adolescent Obesity Registrar/Registrar - pager 6743

For referrals or enquires please phone Adolescent Medicine - 9845 2446

The Children's Hospital at Westmead Adolescent Services comprise

1. The Department of Adolescent Medicine
2. The NSW Centre of Advancement of Adolescent Health
3. The Academic Department of Adolescent Medicine
4. Wade Ward: Adolescent Inpatient Ward

**Associated links are:**

- [Centre of Advancement of Adolescent Health](#)
- [Youth Arts](#)
- [Transition Services](#)
- [Adolescent Medicine Clinical Research](#)

**Related Services and Clinics**

- [Adolescent Clinics](#)
- [Transition Services](#)

Last updated: Friday, 14 of October 2011



**Related Services and Clinics**

- [Immune Deficiency Clinic](#)

Last updated: Monday, 14 of March 2005



**Phone:** 9845 2525

**Fax:** 9845 0566

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 2

Patients are referred to this clinic by a paediatrician from the Children's Hospital at Westmead. The patients are seen by a nurse in clinic and provided with a pad and bell alarm for three months. The cost of hiring the pad and bell alarm is \$100.00 initially with a \$25.00 refund when the equipment is returned clean and in good working order. The purpose of this clinic is primarily to provide equipment; if the equipment is not effective within three months, the patient is sent back to the referring paediatrician.

This clinic is held on Thursday afternoons.

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Bedwetting](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 1 of April 2009

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Anaesthesia

**Phone:** 9845 2367

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**Email:** [davidb@chw.edu.au](mailto:davidb@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Operating Suite, Main building, level 3

The Department provides

- anaesthesia services in the Operating Suite, Day Surgery Unit, Medical Imaging and Oncology Treatment Centre
- pain management services
- pre-operative assessment
- emergency resuscitation services to wards and Emergency Department
- consultation service for difficult intravenous access and airway problems.

## How to make an appointment

Contact Robyn Bartlett, Department Secretary on 9845 2367

Day-to-day patient management issues can be discussed with the duty anaesthetist by paging him/her through switch - 6777

## Staff

- A/Prof David Baines, Dept Head -- [davidb@chw.edu.au](mailto:davidb@chw.edu.au)
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- Dr David Murrell -- [davidm4@chw.edu.au](mailto:davidm4@chw.edu.au)
- Dr Michelle O'Brien
- Dr Jonathon De Lima, Deputy Head, Pain Service -- [jonathad@chw.edu.au](mailto:jonathad@chw.edu.au)
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- Dr David Kinchington -- [DavidK4@chw.edu.au](mailto:DavidK4@chw.edu.au)
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- Dr Andrew Weatherall -- [Andreww9@chw.edu.au](mailto:Andreww9@chw.edu.au)
- Dr Margaret Perry (VMO) -- [MargarP3@chw.edu.au](mailto:MargarP3@chw.edu.au)

- Dr James MacDonald (VMO) -- [kirribilli@inet.net.au](mailto:kirribilli@inet.net.au)
- Dr Jenny Chien -- [JennyN@chw.edu.au](mailto:JennyN@chw.edu.au)
- Dr Sue Hale -- [Susanh7@chw.edu.au](mailto:Susanh7@chw.edu.au)
- Dr Ian Miles -- [IanM3@chw.edu.au](mailto:IanM3@chw.edu.au)

Last updated: Monday, 10 of May 2010

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Appliance Centre

**Phone:** 9845 2563

**Fax:** 9845 2564

**Email:** [haydeel@chw.edu.au](mailto:haydeel@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** In the Galleria, Main building, level 2

### Hours

9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

### Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP):

PADP is a NSW Government program to assist eligible residents of NSW, who have a life-long or long-term disability, to live and participate within their community by providing appropriate equipment, aids and appliances.

Families who have a child with a disability interested in seeking further information about PADP should discuss their query with a health care provider, or contact their nearest [PADP Lodgement Centre](#).

Their website is [www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/services/padp](http://www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/services/padp)

### Hire Equipment Pool

The hiring of medical equipment is coordinated by the Appliance Centre. Patients may hire the equipment for a period of three months - a Deposit and hire fee applies for this service.

### Purchase of Consumables

To purchase consumables, patients need to bring a completed Appliance Centre Request form to the Centre. Usually, no appointment is necessary, but patients should ring at least one day prior with a list of goods required, as some of these need to be ordered in from /stores/suppliers.

### Staff

- Haydee Llanos, PADP Coordinator

Last updated: Tuesday, 9 of March 2010

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Asthma

**Phone:** (02) 9845 2293

**Fax:** (02) 9845 2111

**Location:** Nursing Liaison Unit, Level 3

### Asthma Education Service, Department of Respiratory Medicine

### Contacts:

- Tracey Marshall Clinical Nurse Consultant Asthma Education  
Email [TraceyM2@chw.edu.au](mailto:TraceyM2@chw.edu.au)
- Carol Wood Clinical Nurse Specialist Asthma Education  
Email [Carolw@chw.edu.au](mailto:Carolw@chw.edu.au)

## Hours:

Monday to Friday 7am to 3.30pm

## Service:

The Department of Respiratory Medicine provides a comprehensive, consultative and investigative service for children with respiratory disorders. The Asthma Education Service is provided by the Department of Respiratory Medicine and works collaboratively with other in providing asthma care at The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney West Area Health Service, Western Child Health Network and in the community. The Asthma Education Service was established in 1989 and is recognised for its leadership and expertise in paediatric asthma education.

## Mission:

To provide expert clinical service advice, education and management for children with asthma both in the hospital and community setting. To provide inpatient and outpatient education service for children and their families. To develop, implement and evaluate asthma education and management programs for health professionals and community providers.

## After Hour Parent Asthma Education Session:

The Asthma Education Service will be offering four group asthma education sessions for parents/carers wanting to learn more about asthma in 2011. ***Your child must have a hospital Medical Record Number and a review by a Pediatrician or Respiratory Specialist within the last 6 months from The Children's Hospital at Westmead. Bookings are essential and must be received at least 2 weeks prior to commencement date.***

**Date:** Wednesday 30th November 2011

**Time:** 6.30-8.30pm

**Venue:** Education Centre at The Children's Hospital Westmead

## Topics covered include:

- What is Asthma?
- Asthma Triggers, Signs and Symptoms
- Asthma Medications
- Inhalation Devices
- Asthma Action Plans

To register please email Carol at [carolw@chw.edu.au](mailto:carolw@chw.edu.au) or Tracey at [traceym2@chw.edu.au](mailto:traceym2@chw.edu.au) or

Light refreshments and an asthma resource folder will be provided.

**See also:** [Respiratory Medicine](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 28 of September 2011

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Attention Deficit Disorder

**See also:** [Child Development Unit](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 9 of March 2005

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Audiology

**See also:** [Hearing Assessment](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 1 of March 2007

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Bear Cottage

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**Location:** 2 Fairy Bower Road, Manly, NSW, 2095

[Bear Cottage](#) is a children's hospice established by the Hospital as a new component of its palliative care program. A modern hospice provides physical, psychological, social and spiritual support to the terminally ill. Bear Cottage's philosophy stems from that tradition and this Hospital's long-standing tradition of outstanding service to all sick children and their families.

Bear Cottage provides:

- palliative care and support for children with life limiting illnesses and their families
- temporary respite care in earlier phases of illnesses to give families a much needed break
- bereavement support for families. Bear Cottage is funded entirely by donations from the community

## Staff

- Manager--9976 8324
- Community Relations--9976 8304
- Fundraising--9845 3367
- Play Therapist--9976 8302
- Volunteer Coordinator--9976 8322

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Fundraising](#)
- [Pain & Palliative Care](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 11 of August 2011

**the children's hospital at Westmead**

## Bedwetting

**Phone:** 9845 2525

**Fax:** 9845 0566

**Location:** Outpatients, Level 2

The nocturnal enuresis clinic (bedwetting clinic) is primarily for children older than 6 years of age who have ongoing problems with bedwetting. We will also be happy to see children younger than 6 who are toilet trained but have ongoing problems with daytime wetting.

Patients need to be referred by their doctor.

Children attending the clinic will be assessed by a paediatrician, and may also undergo simple tests of their voiding (uroflow and post void bladder scans). They will be prescribed a treatment programme specific for the child's problem. The child will be required to attend follow up appointments as necessary.

Children with daytime wetting and bedwetting can also be referred to the Bladder Clinic (98450782) which is held on a Wednesday morning at Suite 16, the Children's Hospital Medical Centre.

**See also:** [Alarm Clinic](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Nephrology Clinics](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 18 of March 2010

**the children's hospital at Westmead**

## Biochemical Genetics

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**Fax:** 9845 3121

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**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 1

The NSW Biochemical Genetics Service provides a comprehensive clinical and laboratory service for all paediatric and adult patients in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory who require laboratory diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of inherited disorders of intermediary metabolism and transport. These services are also extended to other states in Australia, when requested, and to neighbouring countries. We seek to provide an expertise equal to the highest international standard. The service includes:

- detailed interpretation of analytical results, and selection of, and advice on appropriate follow-up testing
- a monitoring service for patients with inborn errors of metabolism
- provision or facilitation of prenatal diagnosis of inborn errors of metabolism in high-risk pregnancies
- the education of biochemists, physicians and trainees in the field of inborn errors of metabolism. The service maintains a close liaison with the Hospital's [genetic metabolic clinical service](#). Full information on [Biochemical Genetics](#) Test Availability and Sample Requirements may be found in the Services section of the Professionals area of the Hospital's website.

### How to make an appointment:

Via outpatient appointments for the PKU/Metabolic clinic on 9845 2525.

### Staff

- Prof. Bridget Wilcken, Clinical Director
- Dr Kevin Carpenter, Head of Department

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service \(GMDS\)](#)
- [Western Sydney Genetics Program](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 17 of December 2008

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Biochemistry

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**Fax:** 9845 3332

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**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 2

The Department of Clinical Biochemistry provides a comprehensive service for the biochemical diagnosis and monitoring of disease in infants and children.

The Department acts as a reference centre for paediatric biochemistry in NSW, and also as a referral centre for certain specialised tests eg. sweat tests, galactosaemia tests. Within the Department, The Australasian Neurochemistry Laboratory provides a specialised service across Australia, New Zealand and parts of Asia for detecting a wide variety of problems in [neurotransmitter biochemistry](#). This includes analysis of catecholamines (noradrenaline, adrenaline, dopamine), indolamines (serotonin), imidazolamines ([histamine](#)), pteridines, GABA, and their precursors and metabolites.

The Biochemistry Department has a role in research, education and clinical consultation.

### How to make an appointment

Doctors outside the Hospital may send the patient along with a letter.

Appointments are required for sweat tests. Doctors should phone the Department to organise this.

For galactokinase assays, doctors should phone us prior to the blood being taken.

### Staff

- Dr John Coakley, Head of Department

- Dr John Earl, Deputy Head and Developmental Biochemist

Last updated: Tuesday, 27 of July 2010

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Biomedical Engineering and Inhalation Therapy

**Phone:** 9845 2602

**Fax:** 9845 2584

**Email:** [JamesM@chw.edu.au](mailto:JamesM@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 3

The Department of Biomedical Engineering and Inhalation Therapy provides a comprehensive technical support service for medical equipment, respiratory therapy equipment and medical gases both in the Hospital and for patients and parents in the home.

The support includes provision of accessories and replacement of supplies as well as repair or replacement of faulty equipment.

#### Hours of Service

Biomedical Engineering--7:30am to 5:30pm--Business days

Inhalation Therapy--6:30am to 5:30pm--Business days  
--6:30am to 2:00pm--All other days

For urgent matters outside these hours, contact the on-call staff members via the Hospital switchboard on 9845 0000.

#### Staff

1. Head of Department--James McCauley
2. Senior Technician Electronic--Tony Easterbrook
3. Senior Technician Mechanical--Colin Williams
4. Biomedical Engineer--Darren McKinnon

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Biomedical Engineering and Inhalation Therapy](#)

Last updated: Friday, 3 of April 2009

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Brain Injury

**Phone:** 9845 2132

**Fax:** 9845 0685

**Email:** [Stepheno@chw.edu.au](mailto:Stepheno@chw.edu.au); [Angiem@chw.edu.au](mailto:Angiem@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Children's Assessment Centre, Outpatients building, level 3

#### Website:

The Brain Injury Service sees children and adolescents who have suffered an acquired brain injury either through a motor vehicle accident, fall, stroke or other disease process.

We aim to help children and adolescents reach their potential in all areas of development by providing a multi-disciplinary team approach to assist with physical, cognitive, behavioural, social and emotional difficulties.

We provide:

- inpatient rehabilitation
- outpatient clinics
- outreach services including home and school visits as well as community liaison.

## How to make an appointment:

For appointments or referrals please phone the Intake Officer on 9845 2132 or 9845 2131.

## Brain Injury Rehabilitation Clinics

Brain Injury Clinics run each Wednesday morning. Appointments last approximately 1 hour.

From here, referrals can be made to other specialist clinics within the Rehabilitation Department or Hospital. For example, Spasticity Management Program, Botulinum Toxin Program, Intrathecal Baclofen Program, Eye Clinic and Orthotic Clinic.

## Staff

The Brain Injury Service is provided by a range of professionals, including:

- Dr Jenny Ault, Paediatric Rehabilitation Specialist
- Dr Stephen O'Flaherty, Paediatric Rehabilitation Specialist
- Dr Mary-Clare Waugh, Paediatric Rehabilitation Specialist
- Dr Angie Morrow, Paediatric Rehabilitation Specialist
- Case Managers
- Clinical Nurse Consultants
- Clinical Neuropsychologists
- Clinical Psychologists
- Cognitive Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapists
- Rehabilitation Registrars
- Social Worker
- Speech Pathologist

Inpatient services are provided by some members of the Rehabilitation Department in conjunction with clinicians from Nursing, Allied Health and other Departments within the Hospital.

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Nursing Liaison - Brain Injury](#)
- [Rehabilitation](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 6 of May 2009

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Burns Unit

**Phone:** 9845 1114

**Fax:** 9845 0546

**Location:** CHW Level 1, Wards Area

## Services

The Children's Hospital Burns unit is the Paediatric arm of NSW Severe Burns Service and is the referral centre for all major paediatric burns in NSW. The unit consists of a total of 8 beds comprising 2 Paediatric Intensive Care Unit beds and 6 inpatient beds on Clubbe Ward at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Approximately 1000 children year undergo treatment in the unit, 200 as inpatients on Clubbe ward and 800 as out patients in the NSW Fire Brigades Burns and Plastic Surgery Treatment centre. All aspects of acute burns care and reconstructive surgery are undertaken on the unit as well as programs for physical, psychological and social rehabilitation for children and their families after discharge. The unit conducts an active research program, through The Children's Hospital Burns Research Institute, and acts in concert with the Child Safety Centre and Kidsafe to promote burns education.

## How to make an appointment

Enquiries regarding Outpatient appointments should be directed to 9845 1114. Acute burns All acute burns requiring discussion or admission should be referred to the surgical registrar on call 9845 0000 who is responsible for contacting the burns surgeon on 24 hour call or via NETS on 96338720 who will set up a conference call with the burns surgeon on call . All acute burns are referred initially to the emergency department or to PICU. Outpatient burns Children requiring review or in need of consultation are seen in the Burns and Plastic treatment centre. Advice about dressings is available during office

hours.

## Staff

- Dr. John Harvey - Head of unit
- A/Prof. A. Holland - Surgeon and Head of research
- Dr. Hugh Martin - Surgeon
- Dr. John Pitkin - Surgeon
- Dr. Erik La Hei - Surgeon
- Dr. John Vandervord - Plastic Surgeon
- Dr. Rob Gates - Plastic Surgeon
- Dr. Jenny Yuan - Burns Fellow
- Ms. Carrie Hopwood - NUM Nursing head of unit
- Ms. Deborah Maze - NUM BPSTC
- Ms. Siobhan Connolly - CNC Specialist BPSTC
- Ms. Diana Dickson - CNC
- Ms. Cheri Templeton - Head Physiotherapy
- Ms. Jo Newsome - Physiotherapy
- Ms. Sarah de Jong - Physiotherapy
- Ms. Genevieve Watson - Physiotherapy Research
- Ms. Sandra Spalding - Head Social Work
- Ms. Deepali Trackroo - Social work
- Ms. Sharon Youde - Nutrition and Dietetics
- Ms. Jane Storman - Nutrition and Dietetics
- Ms. Robin Karadonis - Play Therapy
- Ms. Maryellen Sgro - P.A. Department of Surgery

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Nursing Liaison - Burns / Surgical / Wound](#)
- [Outpatients Appointments](#)

Last updated: Monday, 11 of April 2005

**the children's hospital** at Westmead  
**Cancer**

**See also:** [Oncology](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 9 of March 2005

**the children's hospital** at Westmead  
**Cardiology / Cardiac Surgery**

**Phone:** 9845 2345

**Fax:** 9845 2163

**Email:** [abci@chw.edu.au](mailto:abci@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 3

The Adolph Basser Cardiac Institute, Kids Heart Research and Edgar Stephens ward are part of the The Heart Centre for Children.

General information, details regarding services available and people involved are available at [www.heartcentreforchildren.com.au](http://www.heartcentreforchildren.com.au)

The Adolph Basser Cardiac Institute (ABCI) provides:

- Paediatric cardiology for inpatients and consultations
- Paediatric cardiothoracic surgery
- Congenital Heart Clinic, both paediatric and adolescent
- Remote services in Tamworth, Dubbo, Campbelltown, Wagga, Nowra, Penrith, Maitland, Newcastle, Canberra, Gosford
- Senior Congenital Heart Clinic
- Pre-admission (Surgical) Clinic

- Pacemaker Clinic
- NSW Fetal Cardiac Service.

### **Investigation:**

- Ambulatory BP Monitoring
- Cardiac catheterisation
- Electrophysiology
- Electrocardiography (ECG)
- Echocardiography
- Fetal echocardiography
- Holter monitoring
- Stress exercise testing
- Blood gas estimation for perfusion
- Electrolyte estimations for perfusion
- Cardiac physiological and perfusion services
- Specialist paediatric cardiac biomedical services
- Patient support services including information, cardiac clinical nurse specialist and social worker.

### **How to make an appointment:**

Call the ABCI receptionist on 9845 2345 to make appointments or for information.

### **Staff**

#### **Cardiologists**

- Dr Gary Sholler
- Dr Steve Cooper
- Dr Richard Hawker
- Dr K.C. Lau
- Dr Megan Sherwood
- Dr Phil Roberts

#### **Cardiac Surgeons**

- A/Prof Richard Chard, Deputy Director
- Dr Ian Nicholson
- Dr David Winlaw

#### **Visiting Medical Officers**

- Dr David Celemajer, Cardiologist - Adolescent Congenital Heart Disease
- Dr Peter Robinson, Cardiologist - Adolescent Congenital Heart Disease

[Kids Heart Research](#)

### **Related Services and Clinics**

- [Cardiology Clinics](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 24 of September 2009

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

### **Chaplaincy**

**Phone:** 9845 3901,3902, 3903

**Fax:** 9845 3489

**Email:** [chaplainchw@chw.edu.au](mailto:chaplainchw@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Ward Street, level 2

As members of a mutually supportive ecumenical team, chaplains speak to patients, parents, relatives, friends and staff. They bring a spiritual ministry to those who wish to receive it. They seek to support all people associated with their wards, whether their experience is of concern, fear, happiness or relief. Chaplains facilitate contact with people's own religion or denomination if they request it. Hospital prayers are conducted each day at 10.00am, Catholic Mass is held each Friday at 12.30pm. The provision of baptism and other sacraments is available.

## How to make an appointment:

The chaplaincy service is for Hospital patients, families and staff.

To contact us, you may ring the Hospital switchboard (9845 0000) and ask for the chaplain to be paged, or phone us directly.

## Staff

- Anglican chaplains
  - Rev Jan Donohoo - 9845 3903
  - Mrs Kate Bradford - 9845 3903
- Catholic chaplains
  - Fr Guillio Ghezzi - 9845 3901
  - Sr Patricia Bolster - 9845 3901
  - Sr Narelle Whiteman - 9845 3901
- Presbyterian chaplains
  - Mrs Rhonda Daley - 9845 3902
  - Mrs Margaret Robertson - 9845 3902
- Uniting Church chaplain
  - Mrs Sandra Scott - 9845 3902

Last updated: Wednesday, 27 of April 2011

## the children's hospital at Westmead Child and Family Health Clinic

**Phone:** 9845 3859

**Fax:** 9845 3858

**Email:** [gillianp@chw.edu.au](mailto:gillianp@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Emergency Department

- Assistance and advice in the care and management of newborns, infants and toddlers (e.g. infant feeding, sleep and settling, general newborn, baby and toddler care, behaviour management with toddlers)
- Parentcraft and parenting education
- Parental support, advice and assistance with transition to parenthood or with the parent-child relationship, or any other aspects of the care of their newborn, infant or small child
- Short term assessment and care of the mothers of infants or toddlers seen at or admitted to CHW
- Short term assessment of families of infants and toddlers seen at, or admitted to CHW

## How to make an enquiry:

Phone the Child and Family Health Clinic on 9845 3859. There is a voice mail on this line and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

## Staff

- Gill Patterson, Clinical Nurse Consultant

Last updated: Tuesday, 14 of April 2009

## the children's hospital at Westmead Child Care Services

**Phone:** 9845 3961

**Fax:** 9845 0640

**Email:** [SuzannS2@chw.edu.au](mailto:SuzannS2@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** In the grounds of The Children's Hospital next to the helicopter pad and the oval.

## Website

[Click here](#) to see the Child Care Centre's website.

## Service

The Child Care Centre gives priority of access to children of staff working at The Children's Hospital. The Centre is open from 6.30 am to 6.30 pm, Monday to Friday, 50 weeks of the year. The Centre caters for forty children from 0-5 years of age. The Centre provides an educational program based on the Emergent Curriculum in a happy, safe and challenging environment for the children.

## How to make an appointment:

Phone Suzanne Smith (Director - Child Care Services) on (02) 9845 3961.

Last updated: Wednesday, 14 of January 2009

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Child Development Unit

**Phone:** 9845 2395

**Fax:** 9845 2088

**Email:** [paulh@chw.edu.au](mailto:paulh@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** In Children's Assessment Centre, Outpatients building, level 3

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Child Development Unit Clinics](#)

Last updated: Friday, 1 of April 2005

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Child Health Information

**See also:** [Kids Health](#)

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**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Child Life Therapy

Play Therapists see children aged 0-16 years (more specifically 0-12 years) and provide services on general medical and surgical wards, cardiac, oncology (including clinics), rehabilitation, LTVU, renal and liver, orthopaedics and burns.

Children are observed and experiences are planned to cater for their unique strengths/needs and interests either individually or in group settings.

These experiences may include:

- creative activities
- sensory and tactile
- problem solving activities
- opportunity for social interaction
- experiences for expression
- music
- language
- relaxation
- cooking
- fine and gross motor experiences
- medical play experiences
- preparation for procedures

- procedural support

Play Therapists also provide:

- education to community groups and staff
- involvement in special events and/or projects

## Staff

- Sandra Pengilly, Head of Department
- Therese Baker, Deputy Head of Department
- Amanda Williams
- Cathy Quinn
- Natalie Melrose
- Lisa Carnovale
- Robin Hope
- Sharon White
- Janet Burke
- Christina Parkinson
- Gy Wen Ho (Bear Cottage)
- Mary Pilkington (Bear Cottage)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Child Life Therapy](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 2 of December 2010

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

### Child Protection

**Phone:** 9845 2434

**Fax:** 9845 2495

**Email:** [pault2@chw.edu.au](mailto:pault2@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main building, level 2

The Child Protection Unit helps children who are thought to be at risk of harm due to neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and domestic violence. The Unit is a multidisciplinary service offering crisis intervention, assessment, treatment, education and consultation to children, adolescents and their families.

The Child Protection Unit also provides support, consultation and education to other staff at The Children's Hospital at Westmead, as well as to professionals and departments outside the Hospital, including those in rural areas.

### How to contact the Child Protection Unit:

In hours 8:30am - 5:00pm: All referrals, urgent and non-urgent, are made to the social worker on-call contactable through the Unit's administration office, Monday - Friday on 9845 2434.

After hours emergency service: the Unit's on-call social worker is available via the Hospital's switchboard on 9845 0000.

Last updated: Thursday, 1 of February 2007

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

### Children's Assessment Centre

**Phone:** 9845 2230

**Fax:** 9845 2764

**Email:** [mirar@chw.edu.au](mailto:mirar@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 3

The CAC is specially designed for the comprehensive assessment and management of various chronic disabilities within the centre and the community.

The CAC offers a location for:

- Child Development Unit
- Rehabilitation Department (including Brain Injury Unit)
- Spina Bifida Unit
- Limb Deficiency Clinic
- Psychology Department. Some medical subspecialty clinics held in CAC include:
- Genetics and neurogenetics
- Connective tissue dysplasia
- Growth clinic
- Leg lengthening clinic
- Newborn follow up clinic
- Children's Hospital Education Research Centre clinics.

There are excellent facilities for multidisciplinary assessment, observation facilities for teaching and therapy areas. All units provide teaching within their own disciplines.

### **How to make an appointment:**

All units provide tertiary care statewide. Professional referrals are made to the individual departments and clinics as described in this directory.

### **Staff**

CAC is the responsibility of the Manager, Outpatients Department. For specialists see entries for specific departments.

### **Related Services and Clinics**

- [Child Development Unit](#)
- [Limb Deficiency](#)
- [Outpatients Appointments](#)
- [Psychological Medicine](#)
- [Rehabilitation](#)
- [Spina Bifida](#)

Last updated: Tuesday, 23 of May 2006

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

### **Cleft Palate**

**Phone:** 9845 2079

**Fax:** 9845 2078

**Email:** [cleftpalate@chw.edu.au](mailto:cleftpalate@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Speech Pathology Department, Outpatients Street, Level 2

### **The Cleft Palate Clinic**

The Cleft Palate Clinic at The Children's Hospital at Westmead is a multidisciplinary, integrated service for the assessment and coordination of management of children with cleft lip and/or palate and/or velopharyngeal dysfunction.

### **Referral Procedures**

#### Newborn Babies

Telephone contact with Cleft Palate Clinic Secretary, Ms Jill Barbuto on (02) 9845 2079 or Clinical Nurse Consultant, Ms Nicole Coburn on (02) 9845 1118, preferably within the first 48 hours of birth, followed by written referral from medical officer faxed or forwarded to the Cleft Palate Clinic.

The Cleft Palate Clinic  
The Children's Hospital at Westmead  
Locked Bag 4001  
WESTMEAD NSW 2145.

#### Other Patients

Telephone contact with Cleft Palate Clinic Speech Pathologist, David Fitzsimons on (02) 9845 2079 followed by written referral

from medical officer faxed or forwarded to the Cleft Palate Clinic at:

The Cleft Palate Clinic  
The Children's Hospital at Westmead  
Locked Bag 4001  
WESTMEAD NSW 2145.

### Fact Sheets:

[Cleft lip and palate](#)

[Cleft lip and palate - feeding your baby](#)

[Cleft palate clinic](#)

### Clinic Staff

Dr Peter Hayward, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon (Head of Clinic)  
Dr Robert Gates, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon  
Dr John Vandervord, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon  
Dr Sandrine Roman, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon  
Dr John Curotta, Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon  
Dr Kit Chan, Specialist Orthodontist  
Dr Tony Pistolese, Specialist Orthodontist (Honorary)  
Ms Nicole Coburn, Cleft Palate / Craniofacial Clinical Nurse Consultant  
Mr David Fitzsimons, Cleft Palate / Craniofacial Speech Pathologist  
Ms Amanda Simon, Speech Pathologist  
Ms Rosemary Douglas, Audiologist  
Ms Katherine O'Brien - Audiologist  
Mr Paul de Sensi - Clinical Photographer  
Ms Jill Barbuto - Department Secretary / Coordinator

See also: [Cleft Palate](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Cleft Palate Clinic](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 5 of October 2011

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

### Clinical Genetics

**Phone:** 9845 3273

**Fax:** 9845 3204

**Email:** [FeliciC2@chw.edu.au](mailto:FeliciC2@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 1

### The Department of Clinical Genetics coordinates the following clinics:

- General Paediatric Genetics clinic
- Connective Tissue Dysplasia clinic
- Neurogenetics clinic
- Genetic Eye clinic
- Genetic Dermatology clinic
- Prenatal Genetics clinic (Westmead Hospital)
- Adult Genetics clinic (Westmead Hospital), including Adult Connective Tissue Disorders, Enzyme Replacement Therapy and Huntington Disease Predictive Testing Program

### Genetic diagnostic consultation and counselling is also offered in association with the following clinics:

- Limb Deficiency clinic (with Rehabilitation)
- Craniofacial clinic (with Plastic Surgery)
- Fragile X clinic (with CDU)

Outreach clinics are provided to Greater Southern and Greater Western Area Health Services at Wagga Wagga/Griffith and at

Orange respectively.

Referrals for familial cancer counselling may be redirected to the Familial Cancer Service based at Westmead Hospital.

How to make an appointment:

Referrals can be made by paediatricians, general practitioners or other medical practitioners. A current valid referral letter is required for all appointments. Doctors wishing to discuss whether or not referral to a genetics clinic is appropriate are welcome to contact the on-call geneticist or genetic counsellor on 9845 3273.

For urgent referrals or inpatient consultations contact the on-call Fellow in Genetics or the geneticist on call (telephone the Department or page via the Hospital switchboard).

For clinics at The Children's Hospital at Westmead or Westmead Hospital telephone the Department of Clinical Genetics on (02) 9845 3273 or fax (02) 9845 3204.

For the Wagga Wagga clinic telephone Ms Jillian Bleazby, Associate Genetic Counsellor, at Genetic Health, Wagga Wagga Base Hospital on (02) 6938-6443. For the Orange clinic, telephone Ms Gillian Shannon, Associate Genetic Counsellor, at Bathurst Community Health Centre on (02) 6339 5677.

Clinic Appointment booking/enquiry numbers:

The Children's Hospital or Westmead Hospital clinics -- (02) 9845 3273

Wagga Wagga/Griffith Genetics Outreach -- (02) 6938 6629

Orange Genetics Outreach -- (02) 6339 5677

Familial Cancer Service Westmead Hospital-- (02) 9845 6340

Please note: If patients live closer to another Clinical Genetics service which can offer an appropriate service for the patient, we may recommend contacting that service, as waiting lists are often shorter elsewhere. Other Clinical Genetics services in Sydney are available at Nepean Hospital, Penrith (02 4734 3439), Liverpool Hospital (02 98284679), Royal North Shore Hospital (02 4734 3362), Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown (02 9515 5080), Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick (02 9382 1704) and St George Hospital, Kogarah (9350 2315). Not all sites offer a full range of sub-speciality genetics clinics.

## Staff

### Clinical Geneticists:

- Dr Lesley Ades
- Dr Felicity Collins (Head)
- Dr Kristi Jones
- A/Prof Robyn Jamieson
- Prof David Sillence
- Dr Janine Smith
- A/Prof Meredith Wilson

NB: many of our clinical geneticists are part-time, so not all staff are available every day.

### Genetic Counsellors

- Lucy Kevin
- Edwina Rickard
- Gayathri Parasivam
- Lyndal Douglas
- Cheryl Cotton (Mon-Thurs)

### Social Worker

Fiona Richards

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Biochemical Genetics](#)
- [Connective Tissue Disorders](#)
- [Cytogenetics](#)
- [Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service \(GMDS\)](#)
- [Genetics](#)
- [Genetics Clinics](#)
- [Molecular Genetics](#)

[Western Sydney Genetics Program](#)

Last updated: Tuesday, 14 of June 2011

the children's hospital at Westmead  
**Clinical School**

**Phone:** 9845 1903

**Fax:** 9845 3389

**Email:** [leighn@chw.edu.au](mailto:leighn@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 3

**Website:**

The University of Sydney [Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) is involved with:

- teaching medical students;
- supervising postgraduate research students;
- working cooperatively with the Hospital in the development of research activities;
- postgraduate training and education.

Last updated: Friday, 3 of April 2009

the children's hospital at Westmead  
**Cochlear Implant Centre**

**Phone:** 98446800

**Fax:** 98446811

**Postal Address:**

- Multidisciplinary assessment of severe / profoundly deaf children for cochlear implant (bionic ear) candidacy.
- Ongoing post-operative management of implanted children. Provision of services including programming of the device, intensive auditory, speech and language therapy, family counselling and support, and liaison with other educational agencies.

The Centre currently has over 400 implant children in the program.

**How to make an appointment:**

An initial medical interview is made with the Team Surgeon at the Centre by phoning 9844 6800.

A referral from a general practitioner or other medical referral is required.

**For further information:**

To obtain information regarding cochlear implants or Centre services, contact the Family Counsellor on 9844 6800.

Last updated: Wednesday, 12 of July 2006

the children's hospital at Westmead  
**Cochrane Renal Group**

**Phone:** + 61 2 9845 1478

**Fax:** + 61 2 9845 1491

**Email:** [crg@chw.edu.au](mailto:crg@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Research Building, Level 2, Centre for Kidney Research

**Cochrane Renal Group**

The Cochrane Renal Group was established on 1st March 1997 with its editorial base in Lyon in France. In May 2000 the editorial base was relocated to Sydney, Australia where it is housed within the Centre for Kidney Research at the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

For more information on our activities visit our [web site](#)

## Our scope

The Cochrane Renal Group's scope covers the following major areas of renal disease.

- Acute renal failure
- Chronic kidney disease (pre-dialysis)
- Diabetic kidney disease
- End-stage renal disease
- General nephrology
- Haemodialysis
- Kidney transplantation
- Urinary tract infection
- Urology

## Our responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Review Group are to:

- Identify all trials concerning renal diseases
- Assess the trials for relevance and quality
- Assemble and analyse the trial data
- Prepare structured reports for inclusion in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

The main role of the editorial base is:

- to support reviewers through the review process.
- the Coordinator is responsible for assembling an edited module of systematic reviews prepared by the reviewers as well as information about the group (scope, trial search strategy, members etc). This information is then disseminated through the Cochrane Library on CD-ROM and the Internet. This use of electronic media allows reviews to be regularly updated as new evidence becomes available.

See also: [Nephrology](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 1 of March 2007

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Community Relations

**Phone:** 9845 3364

**Fax:** 9845 3567

**Email:** [gilliap2@chw.edu.au](mailto:gilliap2@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** In Public Relations, Main building, level 2

The Division of Community Relations and Marketing includes [Public Relations](#), [Fundraising](#), [Radio Bed Rock](#) and the [Starlight Express Room](#).

Please see individual entries for more information.

## Mission

The mission of the Community Relations Division is to improve the health and welfare of children through:

Understanding and meeting the needs of our stakeholders.

Communicating effectively:

- the unique position and achievements of The Children's Hospital at Westmead (CHW)
- key child health education messages
- key child advocacy messages.

Maximising financial support through:

- nurturing relationships with existing supporters
- attracting new supporters
- ensuring that income is received from a breadth of sources.

## Staff

- Gilly Paxton, Director, Community Relations & Marketing

See also: [Admissions](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Fundraising](#)
- [Public Relations](#)

Last updated: Monday, 4 of December 2006

## the children's hospital at Westmead Connective Tissue Disorders

See also: [Clinical Genetics](#)

Last updated: Friday, 1 of September 2006

## the children's hospital at Westmead Continuous Intra-Oesophageal pH Monitoring

**Phone:** 9845 3354

**Fax:** 9845 3379

**Email:** [lait@chw.edu.au](mailto:lait@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Department of Surgery

24 hours pH monitoring has been the Gold Standard for diagnosis of gastro-oesophageal reflux for many years.

Gastro-oesophageal reflux (GOR) occurs in nearly all healthy children, especially during the first year of life due to spontaneous relaxation of the lower oesophageal sphincter. Small amounts of GOR are a normal physiological phenomenon, but longer and more frequent episodes of GOR may also be a cause of morbidity. Continuous 24 hours intra-oesophageal pH monitoring is the best single test to quantify acid gastro-oesophageal reflux.

The service was initiated in the Paediatric Department at Westmead Hospital in 1988 and has become part of the service in The Children's Hospital at Westmead in the Department of Surgery since it opened in 1995.

See also: [General Surgery](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Paediatric Surgery](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 1 of April 2009

## the children's hospital at Westmead Cystic Fibrosis

**Phone:** 98450719

**Fax:** 98453396

**Email:** [peterc@chw.edu.au](mailto:peterc@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Suite 4, Ground floor, CHW Medical Centre

Cystic Fibrosis is the most common life threatening genetic disease affecting Australian children. Through newborn screening most babies are diagnosed within the first few weeks of life. Advances in treatment have seen improved quality of life and life expectancy for those with CF, but there is no cure.

Our CF service provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient CF services to children and adolescents in NSW. Services are provided by a multidisciplinary team including Physicians, Clinical Nurse Consultants, Dieticians, Physiotherapists and Social Work professionals. The Children's Hospital at Westmead CF service is actively involved in CF research.

The service we provide includes:

- Inpatient services
- CF outpatient Treatment Centre
- New diagnosis education, ongoing management and support
- Outreach service including school and home visits, community liaison
- Weekly CF outpatient clinic - age related
- Clinical research
- Outpatient CF telephone service (office hours) provided by CNCs
- Facilitation of CF family support groups
- Education evenings for families
- Education of medical and allied health professionals providing care for CF patients.

### How to make an appointment

**Newly Diagnosed CF patients** can be referred to the CF service by contacting the CF CNC via the hospital switchboard in office hours 9845 0000

**Cystic Fibrosis Treatment Centre** appointments are made by contacting the CF CNC via the hospital switchboard in office hours 9845 0000

**Out Patient Department** CF clinic appointments can be made by patients already in the care of our CF service by contacting the CF Clerk on 98452292 or OPD on 98452525

### CF Staff include:

- Dr Peter Cooper, Staff Specialist (Respiratory), Head of CF service
- Prof Peter Van Asperen
- Prof Kevin Gaskin (Dept Head Gastroenterology)
- Associate Prof Dominic Fitzgerald, Staff Specialist (Respiratory/Sleep)
- Dr Hiran Selvadurai, Staff Specialist (Respiratory)
- Dr Sue Towns, Staff Specialist (Adolescent Medicine)
- Dr Shoma Dutt (Gastroenterology)
- Dr Craig Munns (Endocrinology)
- Dr Karen McKay, Coordinator Children's Chest Research Centre
- Dr Chetan Pandit, JLT CF Respiratory Fellow
- Edith Weatherall, CF Clerk
- Sharon Hunt, Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Brooke Harris, Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Sharon Simonds, Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Sam Forbes, Research Nurse
- Jenny Follett, Physiotherapist, Department Head
- Anna Middleton & Alison Elliott, Physiotherapists
- Samantha Nguyen, Social Worker
- Christie Graham & Katie Stevens, Dietitian
- Mary Corbett, CF Clinic Coordinator

See also: [Respiratory Medicine](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Adolescent Medicine](#)
- [Endocrinology](#)
- [Gastroenterology](#)

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**the children's hospital** at Westmead  
**Cytogenetics**

Phone: 9845 3237

**Fax:** 9845 3238

**Email:** [gregoryp@chw.edu.au](mailto:gregoryp@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 1

**Cytogenetics** is the study of chromosome mutations, via microscopic analysis of the karyotype.

The Department of Cytogenetics offers a complete laboratory service, providing comprehensive chromosome (=karyotype) analysis via the following departmental sections: Blood (= constitutive) karyotyping, Prenatal Diagnosis, Tissue Culture, Oncology, Fluorescence In Situ Hybridisation (FISH).

**[Note For fragile(X) testing, and all other molecular genetic tests of germ-line mutations, please contact the Molecular Genetics Department, CHW, on 98453244. These are NOT tested in the Cytogenetics Dept.]**

**Specimens for routine Cytogenetic Testing:**

**preferred days of receipt in lab:**

**Blood specimens** are received on any weekday, and are routinely cultured on Tuesday and Friday.

**Oncology (bone marrow) specimens for cytogenetic or FISH analysis** are received on any weekday.

**Prenatal diagnosis specimens** processed include amniotic fluid, CVS and fetal blood via cordocentesis. Specimens can be sent to the laboratory on any weekday, **but MUST arrive before 5.30pm** (unless special arrangement is made with Jill Cross, on 98453231). FAST-FISH is also available by prior arrangement.

The above are our routine collection and processing arrangements. For non-routine specimen types, and out-of-hours or urgent specimens, special arrangements should be made in advance (tel 9845 3237).

The Department of Cytogenetics is a diagnostic laboratory service. **Enquiries** concerning the availability or interpretation of results, or the acceptance of specimens can be made on 9845 3237.

**FISH testing** is available for the common trisomies, sex chromosome and individual sub-telomere abnormalities, and a broad range of microdeletion syndromes (see Table 1).

For these FISH tests, there is no Scheduled Medicare fee or item number. Hence private patient referrals are billed, in full, to the patient tested. Fish test costs range up from \$175 (for all single probe tests).

**CGH Microarray testing:** CGH array testing for genome imbalance is available, primarily for cases already tested for karyotype. To discuss any test, and specimen requirements, feel free to call Dr Greg Peters on 984453237.

**Specific molecular testing of somatic mutations (limited applications)**

**For RT-PCR testing of soft tissue tumour specimens**, see instructions in Table 2, below.

Generally, Cytogenetics does not include study of any molecular genetic abnormalities, such as fragile(X), haemachromatosis, and many single-gene mutations of the germ line. However, for some somatic mutations of oncological significance: The Cytogenetics Dept at CHW does offer **PCR testing of fusion gene transcripts of diagnostic translocations**. These are from certain types of solid tumor, as listed below. At present, all are soft tissue tumours.

**[Note For fragile(X) testing, and all other molecular genetic tests of germ-line mutations, please contact the Molecular Genetics Department, CHW, on 98453244. These are NOT tested in the Cytogenetics Dept.]**

**Table 2:**

**Tumour Translocations list: PCR testing for tumour fusion transcripts, as currently available through the Cytogenetics Dept, CHW.** (Note: there is no Medicare scheduled fee for these tests. For non-CHW referrals, the cost per test is \$175 ). If you wish to have one of these tests performed, please contact the lab by phone, prior to sending the specimen. Contacts: Greg Peters or Artur Darmanian: tel: 02-98453237. Fax: 02-98453238

					<b>Specimen types acceptable for testing:</b>	
<b>Tumour types</b>	<b>Chromosome Translocation</b> (including variants)	<b>Reaction type</b>	<b>Template</b>	<b>Fusion transcript</b> (including variants)	Fresh or snap-frozen* biopsy required ( <b>R</b> ) or preferred	Fixed Sample acceptable? [Yes/No]

					(p)	
Clear cell sarcoma	t(12;22)(q13;q12)	RT-PCR	RNA	EWS-ATF1	p	Y
Ewing's sarcoma	t(21;22)(q22;q12)	RT-PCR	RNA	EWS-ERG	p	Y
"	t(17;22)(q12;q12)	RT-PCR	RNA	EWS-ETV4	<b>R</b>	N
"	t(2;22)(q33;q12)	RT-PCR	RNA	EWS-FEV	<b>R</b>	N
"	t(11;22)(q24;q12)	RT-PCR	RNA	EWS-FLI1	p	Y
Liposarcoma, myxoid	t(12;16)(q13;p11)	RT-PCR	RNA	FUS-CHOP	<b>R</b>	N
"	t(12;22)(q13;q12)	RT-PCR	RNA	EWS-CHOP	p	Y
Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma	t(2;13)(q35;q14)	RT-PCR	RNA	PAX3-FKHR	p	Y
"	t(1;13)(p36;q14)	RT-PCR	RNA	PAX7-FKHR	<b>R</b>	N
"	t(2;2)(q35;p23)	RT-PCR	RNA	PAX3-NCOA1	<b>R</b>	N
Synovial sarcoma	t(X;18)(p11;q11)	RT-PCR	RNA	SYT-SSX1	p	Y
"	t(X;18)(p11;q11)	RT-PCR	RNA	SYT-SSX2	p	Y
"	t(X;18)(p11;q11)	RT-PCR	RNA	SYT-SSX4	<b>R</b>	N
Desmoplastic small round cell tumour	t(11;22)(p13;q12)	RT-PCR	RNA	EWS-WT1	p	Y
Small round cell tumour	22q12 rearrangement	RT-PCR	RNA	EWS-ZSG	p	Y

*\*Liquid nitrogen should be used for snap-freezing. Store in liq.N, or at -70C, and transport in liq.N or dry ice. Where acceptable, fixed samples may be in formalin or embedded in paraffin. However, results are not guaranteed, for specimens that have been fixed for long periods. GP/AD 24/5/06*

## Senior Staff

- Dr Greg Peters
- Dr Art Daniel
- Dr Ellie Smith

See also: [Clinical Genetics](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Genetics Clinics](#)
- [Molecular Genetics](#)

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## Day Surgery

**Phone:** 9845 2222

**Fax:** 98453952

**Location:** Main building, level 3

Middleton Unit admits children for Day Only Surgery and Day of Surgery Admission at CHW. Families arrive at appointed times and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Day of Surgery children are transferred to an allocated ward following their surgery in the Operating Suite.

Day Only Surgery children are recovered in our own Recovery and transferred to a Post-operative Lounge where they are prepared for discharge. Verbal and written instructions and after hours contact information is given to the parents.

## How to make an appointment:

Children are referred to a surgeon by their GP for an appointment in their rooms or Outpatients Department clinic.

The surgeon completes either:

- Day Surgery form for Day Only Surgery admissions
- Elective Surgical Admission papers for Day of Surgery admissions.

Parents need to complete a health questionnaire; some children may need to attend a Pre-admission clinic prior to surgery.

Parents will receive a letter with the planned admission date and information they will require.

## Staff

- Kim Bird \_Nursing Unit Manager
- Tara Wiese- Clinical Nurse Educator

See also: [Paediatric Surgery](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Surgery](#)

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**the children's hospital at Westmead**

## Deafness

**Phone:** 9845 2139

**Fax:** 9845 2102 TTY 98452703

**Email:** [patrim@chw.edu.au](mailto:patrim@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Speech Pathology - Deafness Centre Unit, Outpatients building, level 2

We are a multidisciplinary clinic and assist deaf and hearing-impaired children, teenagers and their families where there are problems associated with the deafness.

We liaise closely with Australian Hearing, The Children's Cochlear Implant Centre, The Department of School Education Hearing Support Services and early education services such as The Shepherd Centre, the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and St. Gabriel's School for Hearing Impaired Children.

## How to make an appointment

Ring the secretary on 9845 2139.

Before seeing the child we prefer to assemble appropriate information such as audiograms, speech pathology reports, etc., so that the appointment is streamlined and families can gain maximum benefit from the first visit.

## Staff

- Patricia Mutton, Paediatrician
- Noni Peterson, Secretary
- John Curotta, Catherine Birman, Ted Beckenham ENT Specialists
- Chris Scarr, Psychologist (service donated by Department of Education & Training)
- Robin Birchell, Education Consultant (service donated by Department of Education & Training)
- Christine Muir, Psychologist (service donated by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children)
- Counsellor for Newborn Hearing Screen programme
- And consultants from relevant Hospital departments

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**the children's hospital at Westmead**

## Dentistry

**Phone:** 9845 2582

**Fax:** 9845 2566

**Email:** [richardw@chw.edu.au](mailto:richardw@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main building, level 2

The Department of Dentistry specialises in treating:

- children with special needs, including children with medical conditions, syndromes, social or environmental deprivation/dislocation
- children with orofacial anomalies/syndromes, including facial clefts, growth anomalies and aberrations of the dentition and associated structures
- children who require specialist dental care under sedation or general anaesthesia
- emergency management of orofacial trauma

#### **How to make an appointment:**

Appointments are made by referral only and acceptance criteria apply. For enquiries and bookings please telephone the department on 9845 2582.

#### **Staff**

- A/Prof. Richard Widmer, Head of Department
- Dr Sally Hibbert - Staff Specialist Paediatric Dentist
- Dr Peter Wong - Visiting Paediatric Dentist
- A/Prof Angus Cameron - Visiting Paediatric Dentist
- Dr Simrit Malhi - Visiting Specialist Paediatric Dentistry
- Dr Sherene Alexander - Visiting Specialist Paediatric Dentistry
- Dr Neeta Prabhu - Visiting Specialist Paediatric Dentistry
- Dr Rebecca Eggers - Visiting Honorary Paediatric Dentist
- Professor Geoff McKellar - Visiting Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
- Dr Anthony Naim - Visiting Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon.
- Dr Khaled Zoud - Visiting Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
- Dr Ann Collins - Visiting Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
- Dr Kit Chan - Visiting Orthodontist
- Dr Andrew McNaught - Visiting Orthodontist
- Dr Tony Pistolese - Visiting Orthodontist
- Dr Robert Smith - Visiting Orthodontist
- Dr Laura Gartshore - Visiting Fellow Paediatric Dentistry
- Dr Susan Hseih - Visiting Specialist Paediatric Dentistry
- Dr Melissa Warren - Visiting Paediatric Dentistry Registrar
- Dr Jad Clarke - Visiting Paediatric Dentistry Registrar
- Dr Di Tay - Visiting Paediatric Dentistry Registrar
- Dr Jason Michael - Visiting Paediatric Dentistry Registrar
- Dr Bronwyn Brown - Visiting Paediatric Dentistry Registrar
- Mrs Heidi Drewett - Senior Dental Nurse
- Mrs Carol Sherry - Dental Nurse
- Ms Laura Waller - Dental Nurse
- Mrs Nicole Lonsdale - Dental Nurse
- Mrs Lila Gomez - Dental Nurse
- Ms Sophie Smith - Dental Nurse
- Mrs Elham Elzami - Dental nurse
- Mrs Hanan El-Abed - Dental Nurse

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## **Dermatology**

**Phone:** 9845 0000

**Email:** [peterh@chw.edu.au](mailto:peterh@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 2

The Department of Dermatology provides:

- several weekly general dermatology clinics

- a vascular birthmarks multidisciplinary consultative clinic once every 3 months
- psoriasis and eczema outpatient education and treatment centre in Turner Day Stay Ward
- a severe eczema clinic once a month
- vascular laser service in the Day Surgery Unit.
- all enquiries through Dr Peter Hogan (Head of Department); call 98450000 and page 6710 or e-mail peter.h@chw.edu.au

### How to make an appointment

For outpatients clinic, phone outpatients reception on 9845 2525.

For the vascular clinic, psoriasis and eczema outpatient education and treatment centre, and laser service, referral must be initially to one of the dermatologists.

### Staff

- Dr Peter Hogan VMO (Head of Department)
- Dr Li-Chuen Wong VMO
- Dr Nina Wines VMO
- Dr Anne O'Neill VMO (Laser service)
- Dr Gayle Fischer, VMO (Laser service)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Dermatology Clinics](#)

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**the children's hospital** at Westmead

### Diabetes

**Phone:** 9845 3169

**Fax:** 9845 3170

**Location:** Institute of Endocrinology & Diabetes

### Diabetes Centre:

The Diabetes Centre provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diabetes services to children and adolescents in the metropolitan area and regional NSW through our Hospital-based and outreach services. Services are provided by a multi-disciplinary team including physicians, diabetes educators, dietitians and social worker professionals. The services provided are:

- inpatient services including diagnostic, acute care, education and stabilisation of newly diagnosed and pre-existing diabetes
- diabetes day care program (ambulatory stabilisation of new patients)
- post-discharge clinic for newly diagnosed children with diabetes
- diabetes outpatient clinics for children and adolescents
- tertiary diabetes outreach services in a number of regional locations
- outpatient education, counselling and support services
- outpatient diabetes telephone service (office hours)
- 24 hour urgent diabetes telephone service - for families and health professionals (by calling the Hospital switchboard on 9845 0000 and asking for the diabetes doctor-on-call)
- facilitation of parent support groups, toddler support groups, adolescent groups, grandparent and babysitter information evenings and education days for children with diabetes.

### How to make an appointment:

Hospital-based diabetes clinics - phone Diabetes Centre on 9845 2525.

Diabetes outreach clinics - phone the regional Diabetes Centre, or phone our Hospital Centre on 9845 3169 for contact numbers.

### Staff

### Paediatric Endocrinologists:

- Prof Kim Donaghue -- Head of Diabetes, Co-Head of the Institute of Endocrinology and Diabetes
- A/Prof Geoffrey Ambler -- Co-Head of the Institute of Endocrinology and Diabetes
- Prof Christopher Cowell -- Part-time Paediatric Endocrinologist
- A/Prof Maria Craig -- Part-time Paediatric Endocrinologist
- Dr Neville Howard -- Paediatric Endocrinologist
- Dr Ann Maguire -- Part-time Paediatric Endocrinologist
- Prof Martin Silink -- Paediatric Endocrinologist
- Dr Shubha Srinivasan -- Part-time Paediatric Endocrinologist

#### Other Staff:

- Kristine Heels -- Nurse Manager-Diabetes Clinical Services
- Nuala Harkin -- Diabetes Nurse Practitioner
- Rick Gray -- Diabetes Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Nicole Matthews -- Diabetes Nurse Educator
- Rachel Le Cocq -- Part-time Diabetes Nurse Educator
- Carolyn Judge -- Part-time Diabetes Nurse Educator
- Rachel Hayes -- Snr Part-time Diabetes Dietitian
- Samantha Clarke -- Part-time Diabetes Dietitian
- Anna Pham -- Part-time Diabetes Dietitian
- Angie de Casanove -- Senior Diabetes Social Worker
- Kerrie Barker -- Diabetes Secretary
- Lourdes Rontale -- Diabetes Clinical Support Officer

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Endocrinology](#)

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### Diabetes Complications

**Phone:** 9845 3156

**Fax:** 9845 3170

**Location:** Institute of Endocrinology and Diabetes

The Diabetes Complications Assessment Service offers a comprehensive assessment of diabetes complications for adolescents with diabetes. The assessment includes retinal photography, estimation of albumin excretion rate and assessment of autonomic and peripheral nervous systems. The service is available to all adolescents in NSW and the ACT who have diabetes for at least 2 years and for younger children who have had diabetes for at least 5 years.

#### How to make an appointment:

Appointments are made by phoning 9845 3156 or 9845 3157. Patients require a referral from their doctor.

#### Staff

- Prof Kim Donaghue -- Head of Diabetes
- A/Prof Maria Craig -- Paediatric Endocrinologist
- Janine Cusumano -- Coordinator
- Dr Stephen Hing -- Paediatric Ophthalmologist
- Alison Pryke -- Research Assistant
- Tracey Jopling -- Research Nurse

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Diabetes](#)
- [Endocrinology](#)

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## Dialysis Clinic

**Phone:** 98451218

**Fax:** 98451217

**Location:** Mary Honan Renal Treatment Centre, Level 2 CHW

See also: [Renal Treatment Centre](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Aboriginal Health Services](#)

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## Disability Specialist Unit

**Phone:** 9701 6300

**Fax:** 9701 6350

**Location:** Level 2, 56 Railway Parade, Burwood

### Overview

The Disability Specialist Unit (DSU) is a multidisciplinary diagnostic and assessment team which conducts developmental, intellectual, functional and health assessments for children and adults who have, or are suspected of having, a developmental delay or intellectual disability.

Our aims are;

- To identify factors which may have an impact on a child's development or adult's functioning.
- To recognise and diagnose disorders such as autism.
- To document an individual's areas of strength and development as well as areas of difficulty.
- To assist the client, family and other professionals in the planning of interventions and services.
- To consult to the client/family for health, development or behavioural concerns related to the disability.
- To provide support over the process of assessment and diagnosis.

### Who do we see?

The DSU provides services for individuals who live in the Inner West area of Sydney, as defined by the Ashfield, Burwood, Canterbury, Canada Bay, Leichhardt, Marrickville, & Strathfield Local Government Areas.

We see;

- Children under the age of 6 years where there are concerns of a global developmental delay.
- Individuals over the age of 6 years (children and adults) who have, or are thought to have, an intellectual disability.

### Staff

Dr. Jacqueline Small, Paediatrician and Team Leader

Dr. Jim Xu, Staff Specialist in Rehabilitation Medicine

Paediatric Registrar - an advanced trainee in paediatrics who does a 6 month rotation with the team

Clinic Nurse and Clinic Coordinator (Vacant)

Hester McMillan, Psychologist

Dr. Gillian Brooks, Paediatrician

[Social Story for visiting DSU](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Child Development Unit](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Disease Surveillance

**Phone:** 9845 3005

**Fax:** 9845 3082

**Email:** [apsu@chw.edu.au](mailto:apsu@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Research Building, level 2

- The [Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit](#) (APSU) is a unit of the Division of Paediatrics and Child Health, Royal Australasian College of Physicians.
- It provides a unique mechanism for national surveillance of, and research into, uncommon conditions of childhood, including infectious, genetic, mental health and vaccine-preventable diseases, and childhood injuries.
- The APSU is an important component of the national network of State, Commonwealth and other research agencies that seek to monitor the health and wellbeing of Australian children and young people.
- The Children's Hospital at Westmead subsidises office accommodation and access to IT and telecommunication services.
- The APSU does not provide a clinical service.
- For further information, please see <http://www.apsu.org.au/>

### Staff

- Professor Elizabeth Elliott, Director -- 9845 3448 / 9845 3005
- Dr Yvonne Zurynski, Assistant Director -- 9845 1202 / 9845 3005
- Ms Karen Pattinson, Office Coordinator -- 9845 3005
- Mrs Ingrid Charters, Administrative Officer -- 9845 3023
- Ms Nicole McKay, Data Manager -- 9845 3007
- Dr Elizabeth Peadon, Research Officer -- 9845 3039 / 9845 3005
- Dr David Lester-Smith, Research Fellow -- 9845 3433
- Dr Monica Lahra, Clinical Fellow -- 9845 2200
- Ms Leanne Vidler, PAEDS Nurse -- 9845 3095
- Ms Sarah Srikanthan, Publications Project Officer -- 9845 1324
- Dr Greta Ridley, Project Officer -- 9845 1324

See also: [Research and Education](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Research and Development](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Donations

**Phone:** 1800 770 122

**Fax:** 02 9845 3457

**Email:** [fund@chw.edu.au](mailto:fund@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 4 (entry from Main Street)

See also: [Fundraising](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Ear, Nose and Throat

**Phone:** 9845 3253

**Fax:** 9845 2078

**Email:** [ent@chw.edu.au](mailto:ent@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** The ENT office is accessed through the Elinor Wray Speech Pathology Department on Level 2 adjacent to Outpatients.

The Department of Otolaryngology provides:

- Specialised care of children with ear, nose and throat problems
- Outpatient clinics, both general and specialised
- Operating in the inpatient and day surgery theatres
- The ENT Department combines in multidisciplinary clinics with Speech Pathology, Audiology, Deafness Centre, Cleft Palate Clinic, and Microtia Clinic..

**How to make an appointment:**

[http://www.chw.edu.au/prof/clinics/ear\\_nose\\_and\\_throat\\_clinics.htm](http://www.chw.edu.au/prof/clinics/ear_nose_and_throat_clinics.htm)

**Staff:**

- Dr John Curotta (Head of Department)
- Professor William Gibson
- Dr Catherine Birman
- Dr Alan Cheng
- Dr Chris Dalton
- Dr Josephine Motbey
- Dr Simone Boardman
- Dr Piera Taylor
- Dr Michael Chin
- Professor Melville da Cruz
- Susan Trapani, ENT Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Postgraduate Fellow
- 2 Accredited Registrars
- Administrative Assistant

**Related Services and Clinics**

- [Aboriginal Health Services](#)

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**the children's hospital at Westmead**  
**Education Centre**

**Phone:** 9845 3566

**Fax:** 9845 2999

**Email:** [edcent@chw.edu.au](mailto:edcent@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main building, level 4

The Education Centre provides services to support Education and Learning for CHW staff, health professionals and the community. Services include Clinical Skills and Simulation, Nursing Education, Audiovisual, Medical Photography, Library, Event Management and Staff Development. Information about the Kim Oates Australian Paediatric Simulation Centre can be found at <http://www.chw.edu.au/prof/koapsc/>

Facilities include two lecture theatres (seating 180 and 50), demonstration and seminar rooms (seating 15 to 25). Audiovisual support, including videoconferencing and videorecording of events is available.

**For information and bookings**

Please contact Education Centre Reception on phone 9845 3566, email [edcent@chw.edu.au](mailto:edcent@chw.edu.au) or fax 9845 2999.

**Staff**

- Wendy Hu, Associate Director of Education

- Anne Maree Davis, Nurse Education Manager
- Kathryn den Hertog, Nurse Educator, New Graduate Program
- Erin Clarkson, Clinical Nurse Educator
- Ella Scott, Kim Oates Australian Paediatric Simulation Centre
- Amanda Elliott, Resuscitation Coordinator
- Caren Beer, Administration Coordinator
- Raelene Noble, Administrative Assistant
- Sarah Ockert, Reception/Administrative Assistant
- Lonie Foote, Staff Development Officer
- Amer Saguiguit, Audiovisual Technician
- Robin Janus, Audiovisual Technician
- Phil Williams, Audiovisual/Photography Assistant
- Paul de Sensi, Medical Photographer
- Trish Bennett, Library Manager
- Andrea Keioskie, Deputy Librarian
- Bhupinder Thind, Librarian
- Carol Stevens, Librarian
- Grace Cardillo, Library Assistant
- Jillian Rattray, AWCH Librarian
- Anne Cooke, Archives

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Child Health Information](#)
- [Clinical School](#)
- [Kids Health](#)
- [Library](#)
- [Medical Library](#)
- [Research and Development](#)
- [Research and Education](#)

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# the children's hospital at Westmead

## Emergency

**Phone:** 9845 0000 (patient information),

**Fax:** 9845 0825

**Location:** Main entrance, Main building, level 2

## Emergency Department:

We provide care to nearly 50,000 patients and their families every year, admitting approximately 24% of them. These patients range from common paediatric problems to life threatening medical and surgical emergencies including trauma and burns and cardiac arrests. All of them are acutely unwell and their families are anxious.

All patients are seen on arrival by a senior nurse who assesses the urgency of their condition (**Triage**). This follows the Australasian standard scale. Patients with common conditions then have their treatment started by the **Clinical Initiatives Nurse**. This includes fluids for children with vomiting and diarrhoea, information for those with fever, X-rays for children with limb injuries. They are then seen by a doctor or Nurse Practitioner who confirms the diagnosis.

Patients who are sent home are asked to see their GP to continue their ongoing care. The GP is asked to follow up any test results not available at time of discharge.

## Recent Initiatives

The Kids Care Clinic KCC has recently opened to provide care for children with simple complaints. The department has an 8 bed Short Stay Unit (EMU). The triage area has been rebuilt to allow close examination of patients. The waiting room has been upgraded to a fun play room.

## Education

The Emergency Department provides a comprehensive education programme on many levels:

4 medical students from University of Sydney come each week to the Emergency Department, elective students also spend 2-4 weeks learning acute paediatrics. The department is part of the Discipline of Emergency Medicine.

Nursing students from University of Western Sydney, Catholic University, University of Newcastle and others rotate through the department to learn acute paediatrics.

Three fellows work for 12 months in the department developing expertise in paediatric emergency medicine -developing clinical care, education , research and administrative skills. The department is part of the PEMS (Paediatric Emergency Medicine Society).

Registrars training in paediatrics, emergency medicine and general practice work for 3-6 month terms with education sessions covering acute paediatrics, specific advanced paediatric emergency topics and multidisciplinary case review sessions. Registrars are seconded from Royal North Shore, Westmead, Royal Prince Alfred, Liverpool Hospitals. Prince of Wales and St Vincent's Hospital.

Residents spend 3 months building their acute paediatric skills. These doctors include those working for 12 months at CHW and also seconded from Westmead and Hornsby Hospitals.

We run a variety of nursing educational programs. This includes the First Year Transition to Nursing Program, Transition to Speciality Practice -Emergency paediatrics. We also have clear educational pathways for Emergency Nurses following management, education or clinical paths.

We have three Nurse Practitioners. They cover a variety of areas of practice with their scopes ranging from paediatric acute care to emergency care.

All nursing staff are mentored using the REACH Programme.

**Paediatric Update Days** are held twice a year for nursing and medical staff from across NSW with approx 100 attendees each time. Other training days are available throughout the year.

The current focus of education is multidisciplinary education on paediatric resuscitation.

## Research

The department is part of the PREDICT Australasian research group. Current areas of research are ultrasound assessment of shock, asthma, trauma, parental grief and teaching cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

## How to make an appointment:

Appointments are not necessary for emergency patients.

All calls from doctors regarding patients to the Admitting Officer on 9845 2454.

Letters from your GP are very helpful in working out the problem. They do not mean your child is seen faster, but they often help get to the cause of the problem. Ongoing care after leaving the Emergency Department is very important to monitor your child and check the results. Most children should go home with a letter to their GP for his records.

The administrative section of the department can be reached in working hours on 9845 2460

## Senior staff in Emergency Department

- Dr Mary McCaskill, Medical Director
- Leonnie Dawson, Nurse Manager
- Dr Jason Hort, Deputy Head, Coordinator of Advanced Paediatric Training
- Dr Gary Browne Clinical Professor, Head of Academic Emergency Medicine
- Dr Fenton O'Leary, Director of Emergency Medical Training
- Dr Nicholas Cheng, Emergency Paediatrician
- Dr Susan Phin, Emergency Paediatrician
- Dr Bruce Fasher, Emergency Paediatrician
- Dr Robert Chu, Emergency Paediatrician
- Dr Holly Smith, Emergency Paediatrician
- Dr Peter Ngo, Paediatric Emergency Physician
- Dr Andrea Christoff Emergency Paediatrician
- Dr Jeanette Marchant, Emergency Paediatrician
- Dr Sarah Dalton, Emergency Paediatrician
- Dr Raymond Chin, Emergency Paediatrician
- Nadine Mari, Nurse Unit Manager
- Dominic Sertori, Nurse Unit Manager
- Celeste Daniels, Nurse Unit Manager
- Jennifer Major Nurse Educator
- Helen Gosby, Nurse Practitioner
- Martin Madejski, Nurse Practitioner

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Endocrinology

**Phone:** 9845 3142

**Fax:** 9845 3170

**Location:** Institute of Endocrinology & Diabetes

The Institute of Endocrinology & Diabetes is a world class medical and research centre, proud to be a vital part of the Hospital and its tradition of caring.

The Institute provides comprehensive clinical services in the assessment, diagnosis and management of all paediatric and adolescent endocrinology disorders through its inpatient and outpatient services.

Services provided include:

- diabetes outpatients and diabetes complications screening
- endocrine assessment and outpatient clinics
- growth and bone metabolic screening and outpatient clinics
- inpatient services including diagnostic services, dynamic endocrine testing, acute care and ongoing management
- endocrinology consultative service to metropolitan Sydney and regional areas of New South Wales
- 24 hour urgent telephone service for families and health professionals
- endocrinology laboratory services (diagnostic and research)
- extensive clinical research activities in diabetes, endocrine and growth.

#### How to make an appointment:

Please telephone Outpatients on 9845 2525.

#### Publications:

Order through [Kids Health](#):

- Caring for Diabetes in Children and Adolescents - A Parent's Manual

#### Staff

##### Paediatric Endocrinologists:

- Prof Kim Donaghue - Co-Head of Department
- A/Prof Geoffrey Ambler - Co-Head of Department
- Prof Christopher Cowell
- A/Prof Maria Craig
- Dr Neville Howard
- Dr Ann Maguire
- A/Prof Craig Munns
- Dr Chris Poon - (Visiting Paediatrician)
- Professor Martin Silink
- Dr Shubha Srinivasan

#### 24 hr urgent telephone service:

Phone 9845 0000 and ask to speak to the Endocrinology or Diabetes doctor on-call

See also: [Diabetes](#)

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Diabetes Complications](#)
- [Endocrine Clinic](#)
- [Growth Centre](#)

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### Enquiries

**Phone:** 98453777

**Location:** Level 2 - Main Entrance

The Enquiries Office handle all patient and visitor enquiries.

Times of Operation are Monday to Friday they are open from 7.30 - 8.00pm and Saturday and Sunday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

**See also:** [Admissions](#)

Last updated: Friday, 1 of December 2006

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Epidemiology

**Phone:** 9845 0000

**Location:** Research Building

Provides a clinical epidemiology service for the Hospital and community.

Provides advice on biostatistics and clinical research methods for Hospital staff (Medicine and Allied Health).

Conducts seminars and teaching sessions on evidence based medicine and research methodology.

Collaborates with government agencies, the University of Sydney, the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) and other groups involved in data collection, including the APSU.

Develops resources for medical researchers including a textbook (Health Science Research: A Handbook of Quantitative Methods).

### Staff

**See also:** [Research and Education](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Research and Development](#)

Last updated: Monday, 3 of July 2006

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Executive Management

- **Ms Elizabeth Koff** - Chief Executive
- [Ms Cara Steiner](#) - Executive Assistant, **P:** 98453327, **F:** 9845 0510
- **Dr Stuart Dorney** - Director of Clinical Governance and Medicine
- [Ms Kate Hurle](#) - Executive Assistant, **P:** 9845 3475, **F:** 9845 3829
- **Ms Annett Solman** - Director of Nursing, **P:** 9845 3622, **F:** 9845 3829
- [Mr Kevin Garhnam](#) - Executive Assistant, **P:** 9845 3851, **F:** 9845 3632
- **Ms Cheryl McCullagh** - Director of Clinical Integration
- [Ms Sharon Roumanos](#) - Executive Assistant, **P:** 9845 3247, **F:** 9845 3829
- **Ms Lis Wilson** - Director of Finance
- TBA - Executive Assistant, **P:** 9845 3419, **F:** 9845 3830
- **Ms Gilly Paxton** - Director of Community Relations and Marketing
- [Ms Sharon Fennell](#) - Executive Assistant, **P:** 9845 2569, **F:** 9845 3829
- **Dr Michael Brydon** - Director of Clinical Operations, **P:** 9845 3846, **F:** 9845 3829
- [Ms Ruth Ellis](#) - Executive Assistant, **P:** 9845 3243, **F:** 9845 3829
- **Prof Chris Cowell** - Director of Research, **P:** 9845 1316, **F:** 9845 3829
- [Ms Amelia Hill](#) - Executive Assistant, **P:** 9845 1316, **F:** 9845 1317

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## Freedom of Information

See also: [Medical Records](#)

Last updated: Tuesday, 5 of May 2009

# the children's hospital at Westmead

## Fundraising

**Phone:** 9845 3367

**Fax:** 9845 3457

**Email:** [fund@chw.edu.au](mailto:fund@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 4 (entry from Main Street)

The Fundraising Department at The Children's Hospital at Westmead has to raise \$25 million this year and we need your help! Your donations will help us to:

- Purchase the most up-to-date equipment
- Conduct research into new and better treatments
- Fund almost 200 staff positions in frontline patient care and research activities
- Develop special programs and services to support our sick kids and their families

There are a number of ways that you can help us and these include:

- Joining our *Circle of Friends* program, allowing you to make monthly direct debit contributions
- Making regular contributions through your work payroll
- Getting involved in Bandaged Bear Day by volunteering to sell merchandise or simply by purchasing a clip-on bear
- Making donations of Gifts In Kind (GIK)
- Coming along to our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Selecting The Children's Hospital at Westmead as your "charity of choice" for all corporate giving initiatives and at the same time motivating your staff and increasing team cohesion
- Purchasing The Children's Hospital at Westmead merchandise – we have an extensive range of t-shirts, pens, mugs, Christmas cards etc
- Sponsoring a particular initiative or area of the Hospital
- Donating a percentage of proceeds from the profits made by your business
- Asking friends to make a donation in lieu of gifts for birthdays, weddings and anniversaries or in memory of someone special
- Providing the Hospital with a bequest in your Will
- Organising a fundraising event with friends, family, colleagues or your local community, such as a trivia night, golf day, sausage sizzle, garage sale, wine tasting event – your options are endless!

All donations you make have a profound effect on the lives of our seriously ill children. We couldn't do it without your support. The Fundraising team are ready to help with any ideas and answer any questions you may have. Call us on (02) 9845 3367 or email [fund@chw.edu.au](mailto:fund@chw.edu.au) or log onto [www.chw.edu.au/about/fundraising](http://www.chw.edu.au/about/fundraising) to find out more and read about how others have supported us recently.

### Staff

- Lisa Cheng, Fundraising Manager - [LisaC10@chw.edu.au](mailto:LisaC10@chw.edu.au)
- Lisa Folkes, Receptionist - [fund@chw.edu.au](mailto:fund@chw.edu.au)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Community Relations](#)
- [Public Relations](#)

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# the children's hospital at Westmead

## Gastroenterology

**Phone:** 9845 3999

**Fax:** 9845 3970

**Location:** Diagnostic Services Building, Level 1 via South Bridge

- Gastroenterology consultation clinics
- Cystic Fibrosis-Gastrointestinal consultation clinics
- Liver Disease/Liver Transplantation consultation clinics
- Dysphagia & Nutrition Clinic
- Clinical Diagnostic Service (Endoscopy and Colonoscopy)

### How to make an appointment:

#### Paediatrician referrals only.

Please telephone:

**Private Clinics:** (02) 9845 3999

**Outpatient Clinics:** (02) 9845 2525

### Staff

- Prof Kevin Gaskin, Head of Gastroenterology
- Dr Edward V O'Loughlin, Senior Gastroenterologist
- Dr Michael Stormon, Senior Gastroenterologist (Liver Transplantation)
- Dr Annabel Magoffin, Gastroenterologist (Part-Time)
- Dr Shoma Dutt, Gastroenterologist (Part-Time)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Gastroenterology Clinic](#)
- [Hepatology](#)

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## General Medicine

**Phone:** 9845 3225/50678

**Fax:** 9845 3432

See also: [Paediatric Medicine](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Paediatric Medicine](#)

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## General Surgery

**Phone:** 9845 3235

**Fax:** 9845 3180

**Email:** [ralphC@chw.edu.au](mailto:ralphC@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services Building, Level 3

Elective and urgent referrals are accepted for the management of paediatric general surgical, urological, transplantation, burns and neonatal conditions. Patients have the choice of being seen in the Department, in the surgeons' rooms or in the Outpatients Department.

## Staff

- Prof Ralph Cohen (Head of Department) - (9845 3235)
- Dr Albert Shun - (9845 3159)
- Dr Erik La Hei - (9845 3235)
- Dr John Harvey - (9845 3235)
- Dr Gordon Thomas - (9845-3159)
- Dr Genevieve Cummins, VMO
- Dr Hugh Martin, VMO
- Dr Kate Cross

## Related services and clinics

- [Academic Surgery](#)
- [Cardiology / Cardiac Surgery](#)
- [Day Surgery](#)
- [Neurology / Neurosurgery](#)
- [Orthopaedic Surgery](#)
- [Plastic Surgery](#)
- [Surgical Clinics](#)

See also: [Surgery](#)

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## Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service (GMDS)

**Phone:** (02) 9845 3452

**Fax:** (02) 9845 1864

**Email:** [johnc@chw.edu.au](mailto:johnc@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Western Sydney Genetics Program, Diagnostic Services building, level 1

The Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service (GMDS) is one of the clinical arms of the Western Sydney Genetics Program (WSGP). This is a multidisciplinary service that provides a consultative diagnostic service and clinical care for children and adolescents with inborn errors of metabolism from all over NSW.

The service provides comprehensive management for such diseases as:

- amino acid disorders (including phenylketonuria, tyrosinaemia, homocystinuria, maple syrup urine disease, urea cycle disorders and organic acid disorders)
- fatty acid oxidation defects
- carbohydrate metabolism disorders (including galactosaemia and glycogen storage disorders)
- cobalamin and folate metabolism disorders
- organellar disorders (including mitochondrial disorders, lysosomal storage disorders, and peroxisomal disorders)
- Rett syndrome (as part of a multidisciplinary management clinic).

The service also receives referrals from interstate and internationally for consultation relating to a wide range of metabolic disorders.

## Clinics

The service has regular multidisciplinary outpatient clinics of several different types. At these clinics both new referrals and patient reviews take place.

## Metabolic Clinic

The service runs specific clinics for all forms of inborn errors of metabolism every Tuesday morning and on alternate Wednesday mornings. A patient review meeting precedes the clinics.

### Follow-up Appointments:

For patients previously seen at the clinic, follow-up appointments are co-ordinated through the Outpatient Department on (02) 9845 2525.

### New Referrals:

Referrals are accepted from Paediatricians, following a comprehensive general paediatric review.  
New Referrals are to be addressed to "Drs Christodoulou, Ellaway and Bhattacharya"  
New Referrals can be:

Faxed: (02) 9845 1864 or

Mailed: Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service  
Western Sydney Genetics Program  
The Children's Hospital at Westmead  
Locked Bag 4001  
Westmead NSW 2145

All new referrals are presented at the GMDS Intake Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> monthly) and allocated to an appropriate/ available GMDS Specialist.

Following the GMDS Intake Meeting patients are advised in writing of their appointment.

Further enquiries regarding Intake/Referrals can be directed to (02) 9845 3452.

## Outreach Clinics

The service provides a full day outreach clinic for the Hunter region three times a year, which is an extremely well attended clinic that runs for 7 hours, and which has a similar format to the clinics in our outpatient department. This clinic is held at Hunter Genetics in Newcastle.

## Rett Syndrome Clinic

A multidisciplinary management and assessment clinic held twice per month, a Management Clinic on the last Friday of the month and a New Patient Assessment Clinic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month.

### Referrals and Appointment Enquiries:

Please contact Zoe Horton (Genetic Counsellor) on (02) 9845 3273

## Lysosomal Diseases Clinic

A multidisciplinary management clinic in collaboration with the ConnecTeD clinic is held four to six times a year on Tuesday mornings.

## Adult Clinics

In July 1997, the service formalised an agreement with Westmead Hospital to transfer its adult patients to the adult team at Westmead. This limited clinical service is run monthly by Dr Jane Holmes-Walker. Professor Bridget Wilcken is currently running an adult clinic at Westmead to improve transition arrangements.

## Staff

### Head of Service

- Prof. John Christodoulou AM

### Physicians

- Prof. Bridget Wilcken
- Dr Carolyn Ellaway
- Prof. Ian Alexander
- Dr Kaustuv Bhattacharya

### Dietitians

- Mrs Sue Thompson
- Mrs Barbara Dennison
- Ms Prue Watson

### Nursing

- Mr Troy Dalkeith
- Ms Rosie Junek

Ms Penny Owens

### **Genetic Counsellor (Rett clinic)**

- Ms Gayathri Parasivam

### **Social Work**

- Ms Josephine Ivancsik

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**See also:** [Western Sydney Genetics Program](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 4 of January 2007



**Phone:** 9845 2715

**Fax:** 9845 2251

**Email:** [KerryE2@chw.edu.au](mailto:KerryE2@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Level 3, Diagnostic Services Building

The **Grace Centre for Newborn Care** incorporates the Department of Neonatology, Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Newborn High Dependency Unit, Neonatal Research Group and the Newborn Follow-up Clinic and provides:

- Newborn intensive care
- Neonatal education
- Follow-up clinic for high-risk newborns
- Research

### **How to make an appointment:**

Please phone to make an appointment with the following staff or clinic.

Secretary: 9845 2715 (9am - 3pm , Monday to Friday, at other times leave a message on voicemail)

### **Staff**

- A/Professor Nadia Badawi, Neonatologist (Co-Head of Department)
- Jenny Elliott, Nurse Manager (Co-Head of Department)
- Dr Robert Halliday, Neonatologist
- Dr Peter Barr OAM, Neonatologist
- Dr Julian Wojtulewicz, Neonatologist
- Dr Alison Loughran-Fowlds, Neonatologist
- A/Professor Kaye Spence AM, Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Kate McKenna, Nurse Educator
- Martina Coffey, Discharge Liaison and Home Support Nurse
- Gabrielle Kerslake, Acting Lactation Specialist (Part-time)
- Karen Walker / Caroline Karskens, Audit Officer
- Helen Hardy, Co-ordinator Follow-up Clinic
- Elizabeth Herbert, Fundraiser
- Kerry Everson, Secretary

### **Employment Opportunities**

There are opportunities to work in neonatal intensive care for registered nurses and trainee medical staff. There are also opportunities to participate in multidisciplinary collaborative research. Enquiries to the number above.

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### Growth Centre

**Phone:** 9845 3154

**Fax:** 9845 3170

**Email:** [binm@chw.edu.au](mailto:binm@chw.edu.au); [annec@chw.edu.au](mailto:annec@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Institute of Endocrinology and Diabetes

- Referral centre for children with disorders of growth and puberty.
- Assessment and management of children with short and tall stature.
- Education of families and patients commencing growth hormone therapy.
- Education of patients and families requiring emergency hydrocortisone treatment
- Education of nurses and other health professionals regarding the ongoing management of children with growth disorders.
- Growth Clinic is held in the Children's Assessment Centre on Tuesday afternoons, 1.30 pm - 5 pm.

#### How to make an appointment:

Contact the Growth Centre directly for new clinic appointments and follow up.

#### Staff

- A/Prof Geoffrey Ambler -- Co-Head of the Institute of Endocrinology and Diabetes, Head of Endocrinology and Growth Services, Paediatric Endocrinologist
- A/Prof Maria Craig -- Paediatric Endocrinologist
- A/Prof Craig Munns -- Paediatric Endocrinologist, Bone & Mineral Medicine
- Dr Chris Poon -- Visiting Paediatrician
- Dr Shubha Srinivasan -- Paediatric Endocrinologist
- Bin Moore -- Clinical Nurse Consultant, Endocrinology
- Anne Craighead -- Growth Clinic Coordinator

See also: [Endocrinology](#)

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Growth Clinic](#)

Last updated: Tuesday, 29 of March 2011

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Haematology

**Phone:** 9845 3276

**Fax:** 9845 3332

**Email:** [artl@chw.edu.au](mailto:artl@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 2

Staff in the Haematology Department provide a clinical, consultative and diagnostic service in paediatric haematology and blood transfusion.

The laboratory is a reference centre for red cell enzyme assays.

Inpatient and outpatient care is provided for children with congenital bleeding disorders, haemoglobinopathies and other non-malignant haematological diseases.

Outpatient Clinics are held Tuesday morning, Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Anticoagulant Clinic is held Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon.

## How to make an appointment:

For Outpatient Clinic bookings phone 9845 2525.

## Staff

- Dr Ahti Lammi -- [artil@chw.edu.au](mailto:artil@chw.edu.au) -- 9845 3294
- Dr Boyd Webster -- [boydw@chw.edu.au](mailto:boydw@chw.edu.au) -- 9845 3296
- Dr Julie Curtin -- [juliec@chw.edu.au](mailto:juliec@chw.edu.au) -- 9845 3296

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Haematology And Anticoagulant Clinics](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 16 of March 2005

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Health Promotion

**Phone:** (02) 9845 3585

**Fax:** (02) 9845 3562

**Email:** [kidsh@chw.edu.au](mailto:kidsh@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main Building, Level 2

**See also:** [Kids Health](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 1 of April 2009

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Hearing Assessment

**Phone:** 9845 2788

**Fax:** 9845 2757

**Email:** [roseward@chw.edu.au](mailto:roseward@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 2

This clinic provides a tertiary assessment service specialising in complex cases and the difficult to test.

Assessments are available from birth and referrals are accepted from doctors associated with the Hospital.

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Hepatology

**Phone:** 9845 3999

**Fax:** 9845 3970

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 1

## Outpatient appointments:

The Hepatology Service is a Unit of the Department of Gastroenterology. We care for children with disorders of the liver, biliary system and gallbladder. We are also the paediatric arm of the Australian National Liver Transplant Unit, which is the largest centre in Australia for children who require liver transplantation.

## How to make an appointment:

Clinic is held weekly on Tuesdays. For appointments, phone Outpatients Department on 9845 2525.

## Staff

- Dr Michael Stormon, Gastroenterologist
- Dr Ted O'Loughlin, Gastroenterologist
- Sr Vicki Jermyn, Clinical Nurse Consultant

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Gastroenterology](#)

Last updated: Friday, 8 of December 2006

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## Histopathology

**Phone:** 9845 3311

**Fax:** 9845 3318

**Email:** [susana@chw.edu.au](mailto:susana@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 2

The Histopathology Department provides tissue diagnostic services with:

- An average 24 hour turn-around-time
- An on-call 24 hour, 7 days per week, emergency Frozen Section service
- Rapid biopsy processing using microwave technology
- Metabolic muscle and liver disease diagnosis
- Electron microscopy service
- Autopsy service, including a peri-natal pathology service
- Research co-operative service to various Hospital departments as well as a long association with CMRI and Sydney University.

## Staff

- Dr Susan M. Arbuckle, Staff Histopathologist, Head of Department
- Dr Alex E. Kan, Staff Histopathologist
- Dr Sophia Champion, Staff Histopathologist
- Dr Nicky Graf, Staff Histopathologist
- Tony Henwood, Senior Scientist
- Anna Farago, Secretary

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## Home Respiratory Support

**Phone:** 9845 3437

**Fax:** 9845 3396

**Email:** [SaraM2@chw.edu.au](mailto:SaraM2@chw.edu.au), [CarlaE@chw.edu.au](mailto:CarlaE@chw.edu.au), [Rebecch1@chw.edu.au](mailto:Rebecch1@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Nursing Liaison

At The Children's Hospital at Westmead, we have specific expertise in managing children with long term requirements for ventilation to their own home and community environment. Over a number of years we have continued to update our management and work on maintaining excellent care for these children and their families.

Children may require ventilation for a number of years and some children have become ventilator-dependent quadriplegics. These children are usually discharged in association with the Long-Term Ventilation Unit (LTVU). The LTVU includes nurse Practitioners and Allied Health Support to prepare children for discharge into the community. The Respiratory Support Service provides the medical and nursing consultancy required to support this process as the children move into their community. The children supported by this service have multiple technological needs that include ventilation (whether during wakefulness and/or sleep). This team supports families in their applications to relevant Government agencies for appropriate funding packages, including the ongoing medical and psychosocial reports that are required to maintain the funding support.

Our Scientific officers also participate in collating all the equipment requirements and ensuring that there are safety backups present. We work closely with the Department of Biomedical Engineering and staff from Inhalation therapy to provide ongoing care of these children and to maintain their equipment.

Our group actively participates and runs research programs to will ensure that we are monitoring our performance and maintaining optimal care for the children involved.

Ongoing equipment support is through the Oxygen and Respiratory related equipment services (previously included in PADP) and as part of discharge, patients make applications to their local area health service for these supplies.

The current NSW Government strategy is to combine all funding schemes under a program called "Enable", but those programs also have a cap on the amount of funding they provide.

Donations relating to equipment should be directed to "Kids Sleep". Donations for research should be directed to the "SIDS & Sleep Apnoea Research".

See also: [Respiratory Support](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Biomedical Engineering and Inhalation Therapy](#)
- [Outpatients Appointments](#)
- [Respiratory Medicine](#)
- [Sleep Clinics](#)

Last updated: Friday, 3 of April 2009

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Hospice

**Phone:** 9976 8300

**Fax:** 9976 8303

**Email:** [vivianel@chw.edu.au](mailto:vivianel@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Bear Cottage

## Services

### Medical:

- Regular access to palliative care and pain team specialists from The Children's Hospital at Westmead on a regular basis
- On call GP's
- 24 hour nursing care
- Pathology services through PALMS
- Stock supply of general analgesics
- Medical gases access in each child's room
- Basic life support eg. bag and mask (if required)

### Other:

- Full time chef and cleaners
- Full time Play Therapist/Teacher
- Part time Social Worker
- Live in companion dog - Scooter
- Sibling Care wherever possible
- Wheelchair accessible transport for patient transfers eg. For medical appointments and recreational activities
- Bereavement Support Groups
- Sibling Support Groups

## Mission

Bear Cottage upholds the values of excellence and leadership in the provision of palliative care to children and young people with life limiting illnesses and their families.

## Hours

Bear Cottage is operational 24 hours a day with round the clock nursing staff

For business and administrative enquires staff are available Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

**See also:** [Bear Cottage](#)

Last updated: Friday, 1 of December 2006

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Immune Deficiency

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Immune Deficiency Clinic](#)

Last updated: Friday, 16 of February 2007

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Immunisation

**Phone:** 9845 2113

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 2 (near the ramp)

The Hospital conducts immunisations in the Adverse Effects Clinic held in our Bandaged Bear Outpatients Clinics. Please contact Ms Mary Ellen Byrne, Immunisation Co-ordinator, on 9845 2113 to make an appointment. Please ensure that patients bring their Blue Book to record their immunisation status.

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Outpatients Appointments](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 9 of March 2005

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Immunisation Research

**Phone:** 9845 1433

**Fax:** 9845 1418

**Email:** [karynp@chw.edu.au](mailto:karynp@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Clinical Sciences building, level 2

The National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS) was established in 1997 to give independent advice about diseases that can be prevented by immunisation.

The Centre aims to coordinate, promote and carry out research on immunisation and vaccine-preventable diseases. It provides a national perspective on all issues relevant to immunisation in Australia.

The Centre brings together a group of experts in preventive medicine, paediatrics, infectious disease, epidemiology and laboratory science from The Children's Hospital at Westmead, The University of Sydney and the NSW Health Department.

#### How to contact us:

For more information, contact our Business Manager, Karyn Phillips, on 9845 51436 or visit our website [www.ncirs.usyd.edu.au](http://www.ncirs.usyd.edu.au).

#### What we do:

- We carry out research about immunisation and diseases it can prevent.
- We study the occurrence in Australia of diseases like measles, German measles, whooping cough and hepatitis.
- We study immunisation coverage, and try to find out why some children are not being vaccinated.

## Staff

- Prof Peter McIntyre, Director
- Prof Robert Booy, Co-Director
- Prof Raina McIntyre, Principal Research Fellow
- Dr Kristine Macartney, Deputy Director, Policy
- Dr Shelley Deeks, Deputy Director, Surveillance
- Dr Julia Brotherton, Researcher (P/T)
- Mr Brynley Hull, Epidemiologist
- Ms Telpia Joseph, Project Officer
- Dr Glenda Lawrence, Senior Research Fellow
- Dr Julie Leask, Research Fellow (P/T)
- Dr Helen Quinn, Research Fellow
- Dr Leon Heron, Immunisation Research Medical Officer
- Dr Mary Iskander, Clinical Research Fellow
- Dr Jane Jelfs, Immunisation Handbook, Policy Support Coordinator
- Dr Cameron Moffatt, Research Fellow ARC Influenza
- Mr Robert Menzies, Epidemiologist
- Ms Han Wang, Statistician/Data Manager
- Dr Nicholas Wood, Clinical Research Fellow
- Dr James Wood, Snr Res Officer, Mathematical Modelling
- Dr Clayton Chiu, Clinical Research Fellow
- Dr Monica Lahra, Clinical Fellow (P/T)
- Dr Zhanhai Gao, Research Fellow
- Mr Padmasiri Eswara, Research Assistant - Surveillance
- Ms Annemarie Egan, CNC
- Ms Catherine King, Information Manager (P/T)
- Ms Donna Armstrong, Communication Officer (P/T)
- Ms Amanda Edkins, Information Management Assistant (P/T)
- Ms Karyn Phillips, Business Manager (P/T)
- Ms Joanne Perkins, Senior Administrator
- Ms Lynda Beaumont, Personal Assistant, Director
- Ms Kirsty Whybrow, Senior Administration Officer (P/T)
- Ms Greta Ridley, Research Officer
- Mr Ralf Itzwerth, Project Officer
- Ms Myra Parsons, Research Officer
- Plus Research nurses:
  - Lyn Barnes
  - Pamela Cheung
  - Elizabeth Clarke
  - Kylee Gibbons
  - Rosemary Joyce
  - Jennifer Murphy
  - Margaret Pym
  - Laura Rost
  - Carol Shineberg
- plus post graduate students

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Research and Development](#)

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## Immunology Laboratory

**Phone:** (02) 9845 3323

**Fax:** (02) 9845 0840

**Email:** [andreww@chw.edu.au](mailto:andreww@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Pathology Department, level 2

## Services

The Immunology Laboratory is located within the Pathology Department in the Children's Hospital at Westmead. The

laboratory performs a variety of tests, concentrating on those of immunocompetence and immunodeficiency as well as the diagnosis of coeliac disease and cytokines for research projects.

## Tests

### Immunocompetence testing:

- Pneumococcal IgG antibodies - 14 different serotypes
- Haemophilus influenzae B antibodies
- Tetanus antibodies
- Diphtheria antibodies

### Autoimmunity:

- Tissue transglutaminase IgA antibodies
- Deamidated gliadin IgG antibodies
- HLA DQ2 typing
- Double-stranded DNA antibodies

### Immunochemistry:

- Immunoglobulins GAM and E
- IgG subclasses
- Anti-streptolysin O titres
- Anti DNase B antibodies
- Complement C3 and C4

### Flow based methods:

- T and B cell subsets
- Oncology immunophenotyping

### Methods for detection of specific immunodeficiencies by flow:

- Perforin
- FOXP3
- CD markers for diagnosis of Leucocyte adhesion defects
- Markers for diagnosis of Hyper IgM
- Regulatory T-cells
- Dihydrorhodamine for Neutrophil defects

### Molecular tests:

- Sequencing for mutations in the Interleukin 7 receptor and RAG1/RAG2 genes
- HLA Typing for Coeliac Disease

### Cytokines:

- many including Interleukin 6, Tumour Necrosis Factor, TGF beta.

## Staff

- Head of Department, Allergy and Immunology - Alyson Kakakios MBBS FRACP
- Laboratory Director - Melanie Wong MBBS PhD FRACP FRCPA
- Laboratory Manager - Andrew Williams PhD BSc MAACB AIMM MAIMS
- Hospital Scientists - Lou Gacis BSc, Reta Nambiar BSc
- Technical Assistants - Alvin Benig, Tina Hanlon

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## Infection Control

**Phone:** 98545278 & 98452534

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**Location:** Nursing Liaison Unit

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[PatricM8@chw.edu.au](mailto:PatricM8@chw.edu.au)

**See also:** [Nursing Liaison - Infection Control](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Microbiology](#)

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## Inhalation Therapy

**Phone:** 98452831

**Fax:** 98452584

**Location:** Level 3 Diagnostic Services Building

Inhalation Therapy supports and advances the care of sick children by applying engineering and management skills to the respiratory technology used in CHW. This includes design, setup and decontamination of all respiratory circuits and ventilators, supply of consumable respiratory stock and the management of medical gas systems and cylinders.

Inhalation Therapy supports home patients of CHW (including home oxygen and home ventilation) and home paediatric patients of other AHS's through individual service level agreements as well as providing support for clinical research activities.

Within NSW, Inhalation Therapy supports the retrieval systems used by NETS.

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Biomedical Engineering and Inhalation Therapy](#)

Last updated: Friday, 3 of April 2009

**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Injury Prevention

**Phone:** 9845 0890

**Fax:** 9845 0895

**Email:** [kidsafe@chw.edu.au](mailto:kidsafe@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Campus, behind the Visitors' car park

The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia was established in 1979 and focuses on the prevention of accidental child death and injury. Since our inception Kidsafe has been instrumental in reducing accidental childhood death by half. However, in Australia each day there are still 5,000 children injured and one child will die as a result of accidents.

Kidsafe's activities include safety campaigns and affecting government legislation on injury prevention issues from motor vehicle crashes; drowning; burns and scalds; poisoning; falls and other similar child safety problems; nursery products.

Kidsafe NSW can be found at Kidsafe House, in the grounds of The Children's Hospital at Westmead, behind the Visitors' car park. Kidsafe House has been developed as a safety demonstration house and playspace for parents and professionals to visit. Kidsafe also presents community training and education to professionals in the areas of:

Kidsafe Safety House Tours and educational talks on the architecturally designed Kidsafe features and safety ideas that are built into the living area, play space and swimming pool area. A hands on home that demonstrates some choices available to carers when child proofing their environment.

The Playground Advisory Unit - providing advice and training on all aspects of playground design and safety to all groups and

organisations in NSW. Telephone advice, on site inspections, information on Australian playground standards, inspection and maintenance training, and a large range of resources are available.

House and Vehicle Safety - covering the spectrum of home and road safety issues and road safety related to vehicle occupants including child restraints. This training also addresses pedestrian, bicycle, home and water safety.

Advice on nursery products relating to Australian Standards and the Safe Baby Code for both centre and home based care. This resource information takes into account laws and standards from other countries and research on preventing injury.

Kidsafe: Making a Safer World for Kids.

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Intensive Care

**Phone:** 9845 1995

**Fax:** 9845 1993

**Location:** Intensive Care Unit, Ward Street level 3

The Unit provides intensive care facilities for children from all over NSW (and interstate and overseas if required). This includes children who:

- are critically ill and require life support or high level observation
- have had cardiovascular surgery
- have had liver or kidney transplants
- have various other conditions such as respiratory failure, trauma, burns or neurosurgery

### Staff

- Dr Stephen Jacobe, Co-Head
- Ann Gouffe, Nurse Manager, Co-Head
- Dr Jonathan Gillis
- Dr David Schell
- Dr Barry Wilkins
- Dr Marino Festa
- Dr Jonathan Egan
- Dr Robin Choong
- Matthew Rixon, Fellow
- Melanie Arino, Nurse Clinical Coordinator
- Jane Barrington, Nurse Clinical Coordinator
- Brad Ceeley, Nurse Practitioner
- Michael Haddad, Nurse Practitioner
- Oliver Tegg, Nurse Practitioner
- Rachel Primrose, Nurse Practitioner
- Rebecca Kelly, Nurse Educator
- Kylie Olcayto, Clinical Nurse Educator

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### Interpreters

The Hospital uses two interpreting services - one for interpreting in-person, the other for interpreting via telephone.

#### Health Care Interpreter Service (HCIS)

The Health Care Interpreter Service is the specialist health interpreter service, a unit of Western Sydney Area Health Service. It provides face-to-face interpreting for the Hospital. It also trains Hospital staff to work with interpreters and remains the first point of contact for staff enquiries about interpreting.

For a HCIS interpreter, telephone 9840 3456. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

The Translating and Interpreting Service is a national service, a unit of the Commonwealth Department of Immigration. The Hospital does not use TIS for on-site interpreting.

For a TIS interpreter, telephone 131 450. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Kidney Research

**Phone:** 9845 1469

**Fax:** 9845 1491

**Location:** The Research Building, Level 2

#### The Centre for Kidney Research Mission

**Research** We endeavour to bring the most rigorous and up to date research methods available to bear on research questions of importance about the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases of the kidneys and urinary tract

**Better outcomes** We are based in a clinical environment, so we seek to address questions which are relevant to patients and to provide answers which will influence better health outcomes.

**Education** We believe that we have a responsibility to teach others about kidney research, and that we should make a useful contribution to the local, national and international research communities.

**For more details and contact information, visit the [Centre for Kidney Research website](#)**

There are a number of research groupings within the Centre for Kidney Research. Membership of the groupings overlaps extensively, and the research methodologies which are employed include clinical trials, cohort studies, systematic reviews and meta-analyses, epidemiological surveys, questionnaires and qualitative methods such as focus groups, laboratory studies, use of human blood and tissue samples and animal models.

Our current research includes:

- Aboriginal Health
  - [ARDAC](#) [Antecedents for Renal Disease in Aboriginal Children]
  - [SEARCH](#) [Study of Environment on Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health]
- [Cancer & Kidney Disease](#)
- [CARI Guidelines](#) [Caring for Australians with Renal Impairment]
- [CCRE in Renal Medicine](#) [NHMRC Centre for Clinical Research Excellence in Renal Medicine]
- [Continence Research](#)
- [CRG](#) [Cochrane Renal Group]
- [Glomerulonephritis Research](#)
- [Getting Research into Practice](#)
- [Nephrotic Syndrome Research](#)
- [PRIVENT](#) [Prevention of Recurrent urinary tract Infection in children with Vesicoureteric reflux and Normal renal tracts Trial]
- [Renal Genetics](#)
- [STEP](#) [Screening and Test Evaluation Program]
  - [FEVER Study](#) [Febrile Evaluation of children in the Emergency Room]
  - [Monitoring](#)
  - [Diagnostic tests](#)
- [Support for parents with chronic kidney disease\[CKD\]](#)
- [Patient priorities for research in chronic kidney disease \[CKD\]](#)
- [Transplantation Research](#)

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Nephrology](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Kids Health

**Phone:** (02) 9845 3585

**Fax:** (02) 9845 3562

**Email:** [kidsh@chw.edu.au](mailto:kidsh@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main building, level 2

Kids Health actively promotes child health and safety issues, both within the Hospital and in the community. This includes health promotion and health education activities and the provision of information to parents, carers and professionals.

The Unit has a [bookshop](#) with over 300 publications and a reference library. We also have child health and safety [fact sheets](#) available on the Hospital's website.

We are open 9.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, or you can contact us by phone, fax or email.

## Staff

- Candace Douglass, Manager
- Dushyanthi Vimalachandra, Health Promotion Officer
- Irene Clay, Health Promotion Officer
- Lauren Jones, Health Promotion Officer
- Marea Planner, Administration Officer

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## Late Effects

See also: [Oncology](#)

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## Library

See also: [Medical Library](#)

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## Limb Deficiency

**Phone:** 9845 2230

**Fax:** 9845 2764

**Email:** [Jenny\\_A2@chw.edu.au](mailto:Jenny_A2@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Children's Assessment Centre, Outpatients building, level 3

A multidisciplinary clinic for the assessment and treatment of children with congenital and acquired limb deficiencies, including dysmorphological and genetic conditions. Treatment of orthopaedic and hand conditions using surgery, rehabilitation, prosthetics, biomechanical engineering, physiotherapy and occupational therapy. Social work services are also provided.

## How to make an appointment:

Telephone the Children's Assessment Centre on 9845 2230 or 9845 2231.

## Staff

- Dr Adrienne Epps, Rehabilitationist and Co-ordinator
- Dr Jennifer Ault, Rehabilitationist

- Dr Meredith Wilson, Geneticist
- Dr Michael Bellemore, Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Dr David Little, Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Nadia Vigna, Occupational Therapist
- Laurie Wellings, Physiotherapist
- Kimberley Hook, Social Worker
- Tony Easterbrook, Biomedical Engineer
- Rudi Doller, Prosthetist
- David Hughes, Prosthetist

See also: [Children's Assessment Centre](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Clinical Genetics](#)
- [Rehabilitation](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead Liver / Liver Transplant

See also: [Hepatology](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Hepatology](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead Medical Clinics

See also: [Paediatric Medicine](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead Medical Imaging

**Phone:** 9845 2944 or 9845 2931

**Fax:** 9845 2943

**Email:** [xraymail@chw.edu.au](mailto:xraymail@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 2

Complete medical imaging service including:

- General radiology
- Fluoroscopy (barium studies, cystourethrography)
- CT scanning
- Ultrasound including doppler / colour doppler
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Angiography
- Orthopantomography
- Interventional

## How to make an appointment:

Appointments can be made by phoning the reception desk on 9845 2944 or 9845 2931.

## Staff

- Dr Ella Onikul, Director of Radiology
- Dr Susan Bottger
- Dr Murthy Chennapragada
- Dr James Christie
- Dr Philippa Depree
- Prof. Albert Lam
- Dr David Lord
- Dr Kristina Prelog
- Dr Denise Warner
- Mr KC Fan, Chief Radiographer
- Maureen Van Der Hout, Business Manager

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Medical Library

**Phone:** 9845 3832

**Fax:** 9845 3616

**Email:** [patricb6@chw.edu.au](mailto:patricb6@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Education Centre, Main building, level 3

The Library's collection is a major paediatric collection for the state. We aim to satisfy the information needs of all health workers within the Hospital. In addition to the provision of health information, we assist Hospital staff with the provision of information in areas such as quality care, administration, management and planning.

### Opening Hours:

8.30 AM - 5.00 PM

Note: Families of patients are advised to approach Kids Health as the appropriate source for consumer information, telephone 9845 3585.

### Staff

- Trish Bennett, Library Manager -- 9845 3617
- Carol Stevens -- 9845 0682
- Grace Cardillo -- 9845 3615
- Bhupinder Thind -- 9845 0682

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Medical Records

**Phone:** 9845 2356

**Fax:** 9845 2857

**Email:** [NadineM@chw.edu.au](mailto:NadineM@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main building, Level 1

The Medical Record Department (MRD) maintains the integrity and security of patient records and the information held within them. Patient information may be accessed for ongoing patient care, research, legal purposes and for patient access in keeping with the Health Records and Information Privacy Act (HRIP) 2002.

The Department is also responsible for coding all patient separations using the ICD10-AM classification system for the NSW Inpatient Statistics Collection, processing applications for access to patient information and typing outpatient clinic letters.

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) requests are coordinated through the MRD's Right to Information Officer. For further information regarding the GIPA Act, please refer to CHW's GIPA Act page <http://www.chw.edu.au/about/corporate/gipa/>

## Patient information access:

All enquiries are to be directed to the Medical Record Department. Those wishing to apply for copies of or access to their personal health information under Department of Health policy are required to complete the [appropriate form](#) and mail to the address detailed on the form. Instructions, including the appropriate fees and identification requirements are detailed on the form. Patient records are then generally released under the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002.

Applications for access to health information may also be made under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA).

- Nadine Ghassibe, Health Information Manager
- 2 Assistant Managers, 4 Supervisors 27 Clerical Staff

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## Metabolic Clinic

**Phone:** 9845 3452

**Fax:** 9845 1864

**Email:** [Johnc@chw.edu.au](mailto:Johnc@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Western Sydney Genetics Program, Diagnostic Services building, level 1

The Genetic Metabolic Diseases Service is one of the clinical arms of the Western Sydney Genetics Program (WSGP). This is a multidisciplinary service that provides a consultative diagnostic service and clinical care for children and young adults with inborn errors of metabolism from all over NSW.

The service provides comprehensive management for such diseases as:

- amino acid disorders (including phenylketonuria, tyrosinaemia, homocystinuria, and maple syrup urine disease)
- carbohydrate metabolism disorders (including galactosaemia)
- urea cycle disorders
- organic acid disorders
- cobalamin and folate metabolism disorders
- fatty acid oxidation defects
- organellar disorders (including mitochondrial disorders, lysosomal storage disorders, and peroxisomal disorders)
- Rett syndrome (as part of a multidisciplinary management clinic).
- Lipid disorders - Hypercholesterolaemia

The service also receives referrals from interstate and internationally for consultation relating to a wide range of metabolic disorders.

## PKU & Metabolic Clinics

This service has outpatient clinics every tuesday morning, and every second wednesday, for a mixture of patients with PKU and other metabolic conditions. Both new referrals and ongoing patient reviews take place in clinic. A patient review meeting precedes each clinic. Four times a year the team runs an multidisciplinary clinic to focus on patients with lysosomal storage disorders.

## Clinic Bookings

New clinic appointments are coordinated by Jane Gick (maternity relief person for Helen O'Grady) & Rosie Junek, the clinical nurse consultants for the service on (02) 9845 3873, except for the Rett syndrome clinic, which is coordinated by Belinda Todd a genetic counsellor. Ongoing clinic appointments are made through the general outpatient booking system on (02) 9845 2525

## Outreach Clinics

The service provides a full day outreach clinic for the Hunter region three times a year, which is an extremely well attended clinic that runs for 7 hours, and which has a similar format to the clinics in our outpatient department. This clinic is held at Hunter Genetics in Newcastle.

## Adult Clinics

In July 1997, the service formalised an agreement with Westmead Hospital to transfer its adult patients to the adult team at

Westmead. The adult clinic is run by Dr Jane Holmes-Walker, but is currently having limited intakes due to staffing shortages.

## Staff

### Head of Service

- Prof. John Christodoulou

### Physicians

- Prof. Bridget Wilcken
- Dr Carolyn Ellaway
- Dr Ian Alexander

### Dietitians

- Mrs Sue Thompson
- Mrs Barbara Dennison

### Nursing

- Ms Helen O'Grady

### Social Work

- Lynette Biviano

**See also:** [Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service \(GMDS\)](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Clinical Genetics](#)
- [Genetics](#)
- [Genetics Clinics](#)
- [Metabolic Clinic](#)
- [Western Sydney Genetics Program](#)

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## Microbiology

**Phone:** 9845 3270

**Fax:** 9845 3291

The Department of Microbiology provides a diagnostic service in bacteriology, antibiotic susceptibility testing, mycology, parasitology, and Mantoux and Avian skin testing.

A clinical microbiologist is on-call and available at all times to provide advice about the optimal use of the laboratory tests and to assist with the interpretation of results. Consultation and advice on the management of patients with infections is provided in association with the Department of Virology and Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases.

### How to make an appointment:

Appointments are necessary for Mantoux and Avian skin testing. Contact the Mantoux Nurse directly on 9845 2534, or contact either the clinical microbiologist or microbiology registrar via the Hospital switchboard on 9845 0000.

### How to contact us:

- Main Microbiology Laboratory -- 9845 3270
- Registrar -- 9845 3274, (page 6675)
- Mantoux Nurse -- 9845 3278, (page 6550)
- Staff Specialists -- 9845 3823 or 98453279 (page 6444 or 6628)
- Senior Hospital Scientist-in-Charge -- 9845 3268

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Virology](#)

Last updated: Friday, 1 of September 2006

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Molecular Genetics

**Phone:** 9845 3246

**Fax:** 9845 3204

**Email:** [bruceb@chw.edu.au](mailto:bruceb@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 1

The Department of Molecular Genetics provides an accredited service for the molecular diagnosis of a wide range of genetics disorders. These services are extended to all states and where requested to other countries. Areas of specific expertise include testing for Rett syndrome, Marfan syndrome and Familial Mediterranean Fever.

The service includes:

- testing for known and unique mutations
- testing extended families
- prenatal diagnosis
- training of laboratory and clinical staff in the field of molecular genetics.

The service maintains a close liaison with all the Departments of the Western Sydney Genetics Program.

### How to make an appointment:

The Department of Molecular Genetics is primarily a laboratory service. Enquiries concerning the availability or interpretation of results, or the acceptance of specimens, can be made on 9845 3244.

### Staff

- A/Prof Bruce Bennetts, Department Head
- Julianne Jackson, Scientific Officer
- Kathy Holman, Scientific Officer
- Dr Maggie Brett, Scientific Officer
- Gemma Jenkins, Scientific Officer
- Katrina Slater, Trainee Scientific Officer
- Francine Uno, Billing Administrator

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Biochemical Genetics](#)
- [Clinical Genetics](#)
- [Cytogenetics](#)
- [Newborn Screening](#)
- [Western Sydney Genetics Program](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 1 of March 2007

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Molecular Pathology

**Phone:** 02-9845 3278/02-9845 3334

**Fax:** 02-9845 3291

**Email:** [hassann@chw.edu.au](mailto:hassann@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Level 2, Pathology Services

### About

The Molecular Pathology Department was established in 2002 as an integrated Department within the Pathology Division of

the Children's Hospital at Westmead (CHW), Sydney. The CHW is an internationally recognised tertiary paediatric health care facility with affiliation with the University of Sydney, Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health.

## Primary Activities

- Molecular Diagnostic Services
- Molecular Pathology Research
- Postgraduate Opportunity

## Molecular Diagnostic Assays

The following PCR detection assays have been developed at CHW Molecular Pathology. They are now well established and currently running in our laboratory for diagnostic testing of various pathogens.

1. Bordetella Pertussis PCR - **(PCRPERT)**
2. Neisseria Meningitidis PCR - **(PCRNMEN)**
3. Staphylococcus species PCR - **(PCRSTAPH)**
4. Aspergillus PCR - **(PCRASP)**
5. Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci PCR - **(PCRVRE)**
6. Cytomegalovirus - **(CMV PCR)**
7. Epstein Barr Virus - (EBV PCR)
8. Herpes Simplex Virus - **(HSV PCR)**
9. Varicella Zoster Virus - **(VZV PCR)**
10. Adenovirus PCR and Genotyping - **(ADV PCR)**
11. Enterovirus PCR - **(ENT PCR)**
12. Human Metapneumovirus PCR - **(HMPV PCR)**
13. Human Influenza Virus PCR - **(FLU PCR)**

See also: [Infection Control](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Microbiology](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 14 of November 2007

## the children's hospital at Westmead Multi-Disciplinary Feeding Clinic

**Phone:** (02) 9845 2076

**Fax:** (02) 9845 2078

**Location:** Clinic 1, Bandaged Bear Clinics, Level 2 Outpatients Building

## Method of Referral

Written referral from GP or Paediatrician addressed to Consultant Paediatrician, Dr Ken Peacock.

Send to Feeding Clinic, C/- Speech Pathology Dept, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Locked Bag 4001, Westmead NSW 2145 or to fax: (02) 9845 2078.

## Health Professionals

Paediatrician, Speech Pathologist, Dietitian, Clinical Nurse Consultants with expertise in stomal therapy and enteral feeding, Child and Family Health Nurse. Occupational therapy is available on call.

## Clinic Days

Monday mornings

## Function of the Clinic

To assess the patient's feeding skills and develop a feeding management plan

## Other Services

Telehealth services available for rural or remote patients.

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Feeding Clinics](#)

Last updated: Monday, 18 of July 2005

# the children's hospital at Westmead

## Nephrology

**Phone:** 9845 3430

**Fax:** 9845 3432

**Email:** [stephena@chw.edu.au](mailto:stephena@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Department of Medicine, Diagnostic Services building, level 3

## Outpatients:

Inpatient and outpatient care of children with kidney problems including urinary tract infections, continence problems, congenital urinary tract abnormalities and renal glomerular disease. A comprehensive service for children with acute and chronic renal failure including peritoneal dialysis, haemodialysis, haemofiltration and renal transplantation.

## How to make an appointment:

Consultant Nephrology Clinics:

- Dr Lewis: 9845 3431
- A/Prof Alexander: 9845 3430
- Prof Craig: 9845 3431
- Dr Anne Durkan 9845 3430
- Dr Deirdre Hahn 9845 3431

Consultant Continence Clinics:

- Dr Patrina Caldwell: 9845 1167

## Staff

- Prof Jonathan Craig, Consultant physician in paediatric nephrology
- A/Prof Stephen Alexander, Consultant physician in paediatric nephrology
- Dr Deborah Lewis, Consultant physician in paediatric nephrology
- Dr Anne Durkan
- Dr Deidre Hahn
- Dr Patrina Caldwell, Consultant physician in paediatric continence problems

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Kidney Research](#)
- [Nephrology Clinics](#)
- [Renal Treatment Centre](#)
- [Urology](#)

Last updated: Friday, 10 of June 2011

# the children's hospital at Westmead

## NETS

**Phone:** 02 9633 8700

**Fax:** 02 9633 8782

**Email:** [Info@nets.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Info@nets.health.nsw.gov.au)

This service is a statewide service of NSW Health.

NETS provides clinical coordination of emergency transfers of newborns, infants and children and medical retrieval of patients requiring intensive care before and during transfer.

Web: [www.nets.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nets.health.nsw.gov.au)

## Emergency Hotline

Phone: 1300 36 2500 (24 hours)

Email: [Help@nets.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Help@nets.health.nsw.gov.au)

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## Neurology / Neurosurgery

**Phone:** 9845 2657

**Fax:** 9845 3905

**Email:** [scottd@chw.edu.au](mailto:scottd@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 3

The Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery provides:

- tertiary level inpatient care
- outpatient clinics - hospital and private
- clinical neurophysiology including electro-encephalography, electromyography, nerve conduction studies and visual, auditory, spinal and somatosensory evoked response testing
- liaison nursing service
- outreach clinics at St George Private Hospital, St Leonards, Orange and Nowra.

### How to make an appointment:

Outpatient clinic appointments for Prof. Robert Ouvrier's Thursday morning clinic are made by phoning Outpatients reception on 9845 2525. Prof. Peter Procopis appointments are made by calling 9845 0782. All other Paediatric Neurologists outpatient clinic appointments are made by calling 9845 2657 and speaking with the appropriate secretary.

Private appointments are made by contacting the individual staff member's office.

Neurophysiology appointments are made by phoning 9845 2657.

### Staff

- Prof. Robert Ouvrier, Neurologist- 9845 2551
- Dr Andrew Bleasel, Neurologist- Epilepsy- 9845 6753
- Dr Ray Chaseling, Neurosurgeon- 9845 2646
- Dr Mark Dexter, Neurosurgeon- 9633 1900
- Dr Brian Owler, Neurosurgeon- 9687 0716
- Dr Jayne Antony, Neurologist- 9845 2657
- Dr Deepak Gill, Neurologist, Acting Head of Department- 9845 2694
- Dr Russell Dale, Neurologist, Clinical School-9845 3404
- Dr Richard Webster, Neurologist, Acting Head of Department- 9845 2657
- Prof. Kathryn North, Neurogenetic Research- 9845 1903
- Prof. Peter Procopis, Neurologist- 9845 2657
- Fiona Wade, Clinical Nurse Consultants- Neurology Liaison- 9845 2635
- Scott Day, Manager- 9845 2667
- Neurophysiology Appointments- 9845 2657

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Neurology Clinic](#)
- [Neurosurgery Clinic](#)
- [Surgery](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 25 of June 2009

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Newborn Follow-up Clinic

See also: [Children's Assessment Centre](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 9 of March 2005

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Newborn Screening

**Phone:** 9845 3659-

**Fax:** 9845 3800

**Email:** [veronicw@chw.edu.au](mailto:veronicw@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 1

The purpose of newborn screening is to test all newborns for early signs of a number of treatable congenital metabolic disorders. The [New South Wales Newborn Screening Programme](#) website describes these disorders and the operation of the Newborn Screening Programme.

The pamphlet "Tests to protect your baby" is essential reading for each mother before her baby has the newborn screening sample taken. It is available in English and in nine other languages.

Newborn screening tests are free. The tests are not compulsory, and parents may refuse the test on behalf of their baby, but this could unnecessarily risk the baby's health.

Each year the Newborn Screening Programme tests 100,000 babies and detects about 100 who need urgent assessment and treatment.

The disorders we screen for are:

- phenylketonuria
- congenital hypothyroidism
- cystic fibrosis
- galactosaemia
- selected aminoacidopathies
- selected organic acidaemias
- fatty acid oxidation defects.

The services offered by the laboratory are:

- testing of blood samples from apparently healthy babies for congenital disorders and ensuring that babies detected by the screening tests receive appropriate investigation and management by the attending physicians
- an advisory service for the further investigation and management of babies detected by screening tests
- monitoring the progress of babies detected by screening, when required
- services to interstate and overseas screening laboratories.

### How to make an appointment:

Via Outpatient appointments for the PKU / Metabolic Clinic on 9845 2525.

### Staff

- Dr Bridget Wilcken, Clinical Director
- Dr Veronica Wiley, Principal Scientist/ Department Head
- Zena (Rosie) Juneke, Clinical Nurse Consultant

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Biochemical Genetics](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 13 of May 2009

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### NSW Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Health

**Phone:** (02) 9845 3338

**Fax:** (02) 9845 0663

**Email:** [caah@chw.edu.au](mailto:caah@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Level 1, The Children's Hospital at Westmead

**Head:** Clin Prof David Bennett AO

Established in 1998 as a technical support agency, NSW CAAH's role is to build the confidence and capacity of organisations in responding to health issues.

The service supports improved youth health outcomes by developing / disseminating information and resources, delivering professional education and training, undertaking applied research and contributing to advocacy and policy development.

Check our website for more information on NSW CAAH, youth health resources, current project information and links to other useful websites: [www.caah.chw.edu.au](http://www.caah.chw.edu.au)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Adolescent Medicine](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 1 of April 2009

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Nuclear Medicine

**Phone:** 9845 2890

**Fax:** 9845 2892

**Email:** [roberth1@chw.edu.au](mailto:roberth1@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** in the Department of Medical Imaging, Diagnostic Services building, level 2

The Department of Nuclear Medicine provides a comprehensive range of diagnostic and therapeutic radionuclide procedures to paediatric patients. These include bone, renal, gallium, hepato-biliary, gastrointestinal, cardiac, lung, thyroid, CSF and brain studies. PET scanning for cancer and neurological conditions is also performed in conjunction with Westmead Hospital.

A number of in-vivo procedures eg. GFR are also performed.

An after hours service is provided for urgent cases on weekends and public holidays only.

Scheduled procedures should be ordered by the patient's medical officer by using electronic orders or the doctor's letterhead. PET scans require a special referral form which can be obtained from the department. The studies are dealt with on a priority basis.

### How to make an appointment:

Patients or medical officers make an appointments for all Nuclear Medicine tests (except PET) by directly telephoning the Department of Nuclear Medicine 98452890. For PET requests 98452891. Urgent cases can be arranged by contacting the Nuclear Medicine physician or Chief NM scientist in the department.

### Staff

- Prof Robert Howman-Giles, Head, Department of Nuclear Medicine
- Prof Roger Uren Physician
- Dr David Chung Physician
- Dr Hamda Saleh Physician
- Dr Thomas Pascual Registrar
- Justine Trpezanovski, Chief NM Scientist
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- Daniel Armao NM Scientist
- Suzannah Fuller NM Scientist

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Nursing and Allied Health Research Committee

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**Location:** A Multidisciplinary Committee

### Our Mission

The purpose of NAHRC is to achieve prominence and excellence in Nursing and Allied Health Research and Evidence-Based Practice at CHW.

### The Committee

Members of NAHRC include representatives from nursing and allied health at CHW. In addition, there are external members, who represent nursing and allied health. The NAHRC meets bi-monthly to coordinate activities and is guided by a strategic plan.

### Our Services

- Providing assistance with research projects
- Continuing Professional Education - Annual Paediatric Research Seminar
- Travel Scholarship
- Committee Members

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#### Department

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Dr Chris Chapparo                      Discipline of Occupational Therapy, University of Sydney

Dr Tricia McCabe                      Discipline of Speech Pathology, University of Sydney

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## **Nursing Liaison - Brain Injury**

**Phone:** 9845 2814

**Fax:** 9845 0685

**Email:** [jodiel@chw.edu.au](mailto:jodiel@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Children's Assessment Centre, Outpatients Building, Level 3

The Clinical Nurse Consultants work within the multidisciplinary Rehabilitation Team, and specialise in the area of brain injury in children. The CNC for Inpatient Rehabilitation is involved with the child and their family during their inpatient stay, and addresses the discharge planning issues. The two other CNCs on the team are involved with the child and family on discharge, and continue to provide support and coordination of outpatient services for the family and facilitate their transition from the Hospital setting back into the community.

### **How to make an appointment:**

Contact Rehabilitation Secretary on 9845 2132 to make an appointment in our Brain Injury Clinic.

### **Outpatient referrals:**

Contact Rehabilitation Secretary on 9845 2132 who will put you in contact with the current Intake Officer.

### **Staff**

- Julie-Anne Macey, Clinical Nurse Consultant - Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Jodie Thompson, Clinical Nurse Consultant - Outpatient Rehabilitation
- Wendy Gibson, Clinical Nurse Consultant / Case Manager

### **Related Services and Clinics**

- [Rehabilitation](#)

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## **Nursing Liaison - Burns / Surgical / Wound**

**Phone:** 9845 2160

**Fax:** 9845 0546

**Email:** [siobhanc@chw.edu.au](mailto:siobhanc@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Clubbe Ward, level 1

- Management of burns patients and their wounds both in the short and long term
- Management of paediatric plastic surgery and general surgical wounds
- Advice on reintegration post injury
- Management of trauma patients

- Home, school and community visits
- Telephone consultations
- Resource for specialities above throughout NSW.

### How to make an appointment:

Direct phone: 9845 2160.

### Staff

- Siobhan Connolly

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Burns Unit](#)
- [Surgery](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Nursing Liaison - Enteral Nutrition

**Phone:** 9845 2580

**Fax:** 9845 3970

**Email:** [Karenr@chw.edu.au](mailto:Karenr@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Department of Gastroenterology

Co-ordination and management of children requiring nasogastric tube feeds. Responsible for nursing consultation and policy maintenance regarding enteral nutrition within the Hospital environment. Consultancy also available through the Feeding Clinic.

### Staff

- Karen Rankin - Clinical Nurse Consultant

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Feeding Clinics](#)
- [Gastroenterology](#)
- [Nursing Liaison - Parenteral Nutrition](#)

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### Nursing Liaison - Infection Control

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- Implementation, coordination, supervision, education and evaluation of infection prevention & control program.
- Infection surveillance within the Hospital.
- Consultation on paediatric infection prevention & control issues available for the community and other hospitals.

### Staff

- Dianne Dalton, Clinical Nurse Consultant

- Trish Maldigri, Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Evette Gorey, Registered Nurse

See also: [Microbiology](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Pathology](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 3 of March 2010

## the children's hospital at Westmead Nursing Liaison - Orthopaedic

**Phone:** 9845 1028

**Fax:** 9845 2111

**Email:** [kerryh@chw.edu.au](mailto:kerryh@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Surgical Unit, level 2

### Pager:

- Provides discharge planning for children with orthopaedic conditions.
- Ensures that the child and family are educated on the necessary requirements for home care and identifies potential problems in order to facilitate early discharge.
- Co-ordinates community support services for families with children that have mobility restrictions.
- Can provide home and school visits to assess children's needs within the home and school.

### Staff

- Kerry Houghton

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Orthopaedic Surgery](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead Nursing Liaison - Parenteral Nutrition

**Phone:** 9845 2580

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**Location:** Department of Gastroenterology

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Co-ordination and management of children requiring home parenteral nutrition. Responsible for nursing consultation and policy maintenance regarding parenteral nutrition within the Hospital environment.

### Staff

- Karen Rankin - Clinical Nurse Consultant

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Feeding Clinics](#)
- [Gastroenterology](#)
- [Nursing Liaison - Enteral Nutrition](#)

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### Nursing Research and Practice Development

**Phone:** 9845 1321

**Fax:** 9845 3082

**Email:** [AnneB1@chw.edu.au](mailto:AnneB1@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Research building, level 2 (near the staff car park)

The Nursing Research and Practice Development Unit (NRPDU) was established at the beginning of 2005 when Valerie Wilson was appointed to the directorship of the new unit. The unit co-ordinates the various nursing research endeavours of the hospital as well as enabling staff across the organisation to use the principles of practice development to explore workplace culture and improve the delivery of person-centred care. We engage nurses in research and practice development strategies that will enable them to promote their individual learning and contribute to a culture of learning organization wide. The unit has collaborative links with the University of Technology, Sydney, with Val Wilson being appointed as Professor of Nursing Research & Practice Development in the Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health in 2007.

#### Aim

We aim to provide the clinical staff of the hospital with reliable resources to enable the production of high quality research and patient care. We do this using the principles of practice development.

#### How to make an appointment

Contact the Nursing Research & Practice Development Unit on 9845 1321 or contact the staff members directly via email or phone.

#### Staff

- Professor Val Wilson - [Valeriew@chw.edu.au](mailto:Valeriew@chw.edu.au) - 9845 3093
- Margaret Kelly - [Margarek@chw.edu.au](mailto:Margarek@chw.edu.au) - 9845 1320
- Anne Bassett - [Anneb1@chw.edu.au](mailto:Anneb1@chw.edu.au) - 9845 1321
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- Chris White - [Chrisw1@chw.edu.au](mailto:Chrisw1@chw.edu.au) - 9845 1319
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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Nutrition and Dietetics

**Phone:** 9845 2225

**Fax:** 9845 2252

**Email:** [monicaw4@chw.edu.au](mailto:monicaw4@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services Building, Level 1

A paediatric nutrition and dietetic service providing:

#### Inpatient Services

- Nutritional assessment and dietary counselling
- Education on breastfeeding and healthy nutrition for infants, children and adolescents
- Provision of special diets, enteral and infant formulas.

#### Outpatient Services

- Attendance at Allergy, Cystic Fibrosis, Diabetes, Dysphagia, Gastroenterology, IBD, Feeding Clinic, PKU/Metabolic, Retts and Renal Clinics
- A Weight Management Clinic is held weekly in the Department.
- A general Dietetic Clinic held each Thursday providing service to the patients of medical practitioners with referring rights to CHW

## Resource and Education

- A resource for health professionals and the general public
- Training for nutrition and dietetic students

## Appointments

For the general Outpatient Clinic, a referral from a Hospital medical officer or paediatrician with admitting rights to the Hospital is required. An appointment can be made by phoning the Department.

## Hours of operation

8.30 AM - 5 PM, Monday to Friday.

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## Nutritional Research

**Phone:** 9845 3992

**Fax:** 9845 3970

**Location:** Diagnostic Services Building, Level 1, South Bridge

This is a research institute dedicated to the investigation and management of the nutritional problems of children with chronic diseases.

It is not a referral service.

## Staff

- Professor Kevin Gaskin - Director
- Cheryl Frazer - Personal Assistant
- Dr Caron Blumenthal - Research Laboratory Manager

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Gastroenterology](#)

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## Occupational Therapy

**Phone:** 9845 3369

**Fax:** 9845 3685

**Email:** [tinap@chw.edu.au](mailto:tinap@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Outpatients Building, level 2

Occupational therapists provide services to babies, children, adolescents and their families. A family focussed philosophy is followed to assist children and young people to participate in home, school, play and leisure activities.

All patients referred to Occupational Therapy are assessed. The whole child, family and the environment in which they live is considered in this assessment. Therapy may follow and is provided individually or in groups. Intervention may take place at the Hospital, and be carried over into home/school programs.

Occupational Therapists consider the following interventions to assist children to participate in self-care, school/preschool, play and leisure activities:

- developmental facilitation
- sensory, perceptual and motor retraining
- adapting or designing special equipment
- seating and positioning

- upper limb techniques including hand therapy and splinting
- skills acquisition including handwriting and computer access
- training in the use of artificial limbs
- psycho-social groupwork
- relaxation and anxiety management
- information processing during everyday activities, eg. attention, planning, problem solving
- play therapy/medical play
- home, preschool, school visits.

The Occupational Therapists also provide:

- education for parents, staff and community groups
- information on equipment resources
- information on community resources
- liaison with preschools, schools and other children's services.

The Occupational Therapy Department provides a service to inpatients and outpatients of the Hospital.

The Inpatient team sees children and young people referred from wards including Neonatal Intensive Care, Babies and Toddlers, Oncology, Neurology and Rehabilitation, Adolescent Medicine, Liver and Renal, and Orthopaedics. Children and young people from other wards are also seen by referral.

The Outpatient team sees Community Outpatients, as well as children and young people from the Child Development Unit, Spina Bifida Clinic, Physical Disabilities Clinic, Neuromuscular Management Clinic, Limb Deficiency Clinic, Connective Tissue Dysplasia, Deafness Centre, Rett Syndrome Clinic and Rheumatology.

Occupational therapists are also based in other departments of the Hospital, including the Rehabilitation Department, the Brain Injury Unit and in the Department of Psychological Medicine.

### **How to make an appointment:**

Referrals are accepted from doctors associated with the Hospital. Referrals should be through Powerchart for inpatient referrals. Outpatient referrals should be through Powerchart or in writing on the Allied Health Consult Report Form / Consult Form or by writing a letter.

### **Staff**

- Emma Geor, Head of Department
- Georgette Danyal, Deputy Head of Department & Physical Disabilities Stream Leader
- Margaret Wallen, Research Coordinator
- Kate Knight, Neuro-Developmental Stream Leader
- Belinda Swain, Unit Stream Leader
- Gavin Harrison, Acting - Unit Stream Leader
- Bonnie Nilsson & Miriam Cromie, Registered Music Therapists

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**Phone:** 9845 2134

**Fax:** 9845 2171

**Email:** [oncologyunit@chw.edu.au](mailto:oncologyunit@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** off Ward Street, level 2

### **Camperdown Ward (Oncology inpatient care):**

The Oncology Unit is the largest children's cancer unit in New South Wales. Since 1976, over 3100 children with cancer have received treatment at the Oncology Unit, and more than 2100 are survivors. Between 120 and 150 new children with cancer are referred to the Oncology Unit each year.

Our clinical services cover the diagnosis and treatment of all forms of childhood cancer and leukaemia and include:

- dedicated Inpatient Ward for acute care
- outpatient treatment centre for ongoing management and support care
- bone marrow transplantation service

- neuro-oncology service
- radiation oncology
- psychological and support services
- palliative care and bereavement support
- late effects clinic
- education of parents/families and health professionals
- clinical research and clinical trials, including participation in the research trials of the U.S. Children's Oncology Group (C.O.G.).

Our laboratory research arm is conducted within the [Oncology Research Unit](#) (ORU).

The ORU and the Oncology Unit have affiliations with the University of Sydney, and provide the appropriate environment and resources for post-graduate study. We aim for the highest standards in diagnosis, research, treatment, and support.

### **How to make an appointment:**

Referral of a child with the possible diagnosis of cancer and leukaemia should be via prompt contact with the oncologist on-call, available 24 hours per day via the Hospital switchboard on 9845 0000.

Patients who are already under the care of the Oncology Unit may make appointments to attend the outpatient clinic by phoning 9845 2115.

Referral to other clinics within the Oncology Unit, including the Late Effects and BMT Clinics, is made by the treating oncologist.

### **Staff**

#### **Consultant Paediatric Oncologists**

- Dr Luciano Dalla Pozza, Head
- Dr Mary Bergin
- Dr Michael Stevens
- A/Prof. Stewart Kellie, University of Sydney
- Dr Geoffrey McCowage
- Prof. Peter Shaw, University of Sydney
- Dr Emma McCahon
- Dr Melissa Gabriel

#### **Other Medical Staff**

- Advanced Trainees in Paediatric Oncology (Fellows, three positions)
- Career Medical Officers (five positions)
- Consultant Radiation Oncologists
- Late Effects Physician
- Scientific and Support Staff:
- Administrative Staff
- Biochemistry Scientist
- Bone Marrow Transplantation Scientist
- Bone Marrow Transplantation Nurse Consultant
- Clinical Psychologist
- Clinical Research Associates (Data Managers)
- Late Effects Nurse Specialists
- Oncology Nurse Consultant
- Oncology Nurse Educators
- Oncology Home Care Nurse
- Recreational Therapist
- Social Workers
- Research Scientists (see [Oncology Research Unit](#))
  
- Fundraising Officer:
- Anne McFadden Phone 9845 3472, email [annem6@chw.edu.au](mailto:annem6@chw.edu.au)

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**Location:** Research Building, levels 2, 3 and 4

See also: [Oncology](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Cancer](#)
- [Oncology Clinic](#)
- [Oncology Support](#)

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## Ophthalmology

**Phone:** 9845 2270

**Fax:** 9845 3949

**Email:** [stephenh2@chw.edu.au](mailto:stephenh2@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Eye Clinic, Outpatients building, level 3

The Department of Ophthalmology provides:

- daily eye clinics and emergency services
- full range of diagnostic services including electroretinography, visual fields, fluorescein angiography, retinal photography
- outreach clinics to Mt Druitt and Campbelltown Hospitals
- inpatient services include day surgery and general admission if required.

## How to make an appointment:

For Outpatient appointments, telephone 9845 2525.

For a telephone consultation to arrange a more urgent appointment, telephone the Department directly on 9845 2261.

## Staff

- Assoc. Prof Frank J Martin, Head
- Dr Stephen Hing
- Dr Maree Flaherty
- Dr James Smith
- Dr Craig Donaldson
- Dr Kathy McClellan
- Dr Jeremy Smith
- Dr Peter Martin
- Dr Neil Rowe
- Dr John Grigg

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Ophthalmology Clinic](#)

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## Orthopaedic Surgery

**Phone:** 9845 2879

**Fax:** 9845 3180

**Location:** Orthopaedic Clinic, Outpatients building, level 2

The Department of Orthopaedics provides or has input into the following clinics:

- orthopaedics
- scoliosis
- hand surgery
- foot and ankle
- knee
- upper limb
- spina bifida - at the Children's Assessment Centre
- cerebral palsy
- limb lengthening (Ilizarov) - at the Children's Assessment Centre
- musculoskeletal oncology
- fractures
- arthrogyposis

The Department provides a 24-hour trauma service and follow-up for our trauma patients.

### How to make an appointment:

Patients should call the Orthopaedic Clinic on 9845 2879 for appointments. New patients will be instructed to fax a referral from their local doctor.

### Staff

- Dr Michael Bellemore, Department Head, Orthopaedics -- 9893 7394
- A/Prof David Little, Department Head, Orthopaedic Research Unit -- 9845 3352
- Dr Matthias Axt, General Orthopaedics and Neuromuscular -- 9845 3352
- Dr Richard Boyle, Tumour Surgery -- 9845 2879
- Dr Andrew Cree, Unit Director - Spine Surgery -- 9687 6766
- Dr Quang Dao, Knee -- 9845 2879
- Dr Paul Gibbons, General Orthopaedics -- 9845 3352
- Dr Randolph Gray, Spine Surgery -- 9845 2879
- Dr Brian Hsu, Spine Surgery -- 9845 2879
- Dr Richard Lawson, Hand Surgery -- 9845 2879
- Dr Paulo Selber, Cerebral Palsy -- 9845 3352
- Dr Nicholas Smith, Hand and Upper Limb Surgery -- 9845 2879
- Dr Paul Stalley, Tumour Surgery -- 9845 3352
- Prof Michael Tonkin, Unit Director - Hand Surgery -- 9878 5699

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Orthopaedic Clinics](#)

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### Orthoptics

**Phone:** 9845 2270

**Fax:** 9845 3949

**Email:** [susans8@chw.edu.au](mailto:susans8@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 3

The Orthoptic Department offers a full range of paediatric orthoptic services, to support the Eye Department, at the Hospital and outreach centres at Mt Druitt and Campbelltown.

The Orthoptic Department offers assessment of visual acuity, visual fields, strabismus, eye movements, binocular functions and performs visual electrophysiology assessment.

The Orthoptic Department also provides support to children and families in the use of contact lenses.

Treatment of orthoptic problems occurs following referral from an ophthalmologist. The orthoptists are available to advise

health practitioners and families on issues related to visual development, Paediatric eye problems and vision impairment.

### **How to make an appointment:**

Appointments can be made for patients referred by a medical practitioner within the Hospital by calling 9845 2261.

### **Staff**

- Susan Silveira, Department Head

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### **Orthotics**

**Phone:** 9845 3679

**Fax:** 9845 3539

**Email:** [seanh@chw.edu.au](mailto:seanh@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main building, level 1

The Orthotic Department provides rehabilitation, orthopaedic, orthotic and related devices. These devices are worn by patients to offer support, protection, correction to the musculoskeletal system and to enhance mobility. Each device is generally custom made to enhance comfort and afford the most intimate fit possible. The Department provides services to Hospital inpatients and outpatients. Orthotists are available to attend outpatient clinics on request. The Department also provides a consultative service in orthotic management of paediatric conditions to other community centres and participates in teaching programs.

Hours of operation are 8am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

### **How to make an appointment:**

A referral from a specialist associated with the Hospital is required.

A patient with a referral should phone the Department to make an appointment.

**See also:** [Orthopaedic Surgery](#)

### **Related Services and Clinics**

- [Scoliosis](#)

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### **Outpatients Appointments**

**Phone:** 9845 2525

**Fax:** 9845 0566

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 2 (next to Starbucks)

### **How to make an appointment:**

When making an appointment or inquiring about an appointment please be ready to quote the patient's full name, address, date of birth and the medical record number if the child has been to the Hospital before.

When patients are given a time for their appointments, this is a guide only for when they will be seen. Depending on the clinic the patient may be at the Hospital for several hours.

### **Attendance:**

When patients attend the clinics it is necessary for them to bring the following items:

- appointment card with the medical record number on it
- Medicare card
- health care book (blue book)
- a referral letter to an individual doctor or clinic where the child is to be seen
- Any X-rays, test results, CT Scans, MRI's that are relevant to the appointment.

### How to make a referral:

The referring process for a patient varies depending on the specialty the patient is to be referred to.

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Aboriginal Health Services](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 24 of May 2006

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### Paediatric Intensive Care

**Phone:** 9845 1995

**Fax:** 9845 1993

**Location:** level 3

The Paediatric Intensive Care Unit is a 17-bed unit providing supportive care to approximately 1000-1100 infants and children each year. This support may include mechanical ventilation, extra-corporeal life support (ECLS), renal replacement therapy (RRT), as well as high-level invasive and non-invasive monitoring. Patients may be admitted following surgery (including cardiac surgery, neurosurgery, liver or renal transplant, etc.) or with a range of other conditions such as trauma, burns or severe medical conditions.

**See also:** [Intensive Care](#)

Last updated: Wednesday, 13 of December 2006

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Paediatric Medicine

**Phone:** 9845 3225/50678

**Fax:** 9845 3432

**Location:** Department of Medicine, Diagnostic Services building, level 3

General paediatrics provides care to sick children with medical diseases in the wards and in the Outpatient Department. Generalist paediatricians do not confine their work to a single body system or organ.

### How to make an appointment:

Patients need a referral from a general practitioner or other medical practitioner to the General Medical Clinics in the Outpatient Department. Please phone 9845 2525 to make an appointment.

### Staff

#### Acting Department Head

- Dr Ken Peacock

#### General Medical Team Heads

- Dr Jacqui Dalby-Payne, Team 1
- Dr Albert Mansour, Team 2
- Dr Ken Peacock, Team 3
- Dr Joseph Macdessi, Team 4

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Medical Clinics](#)

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### Paediatric Surgery

See also: [Surgery](#)

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### Pain & Palliative Care

**Phone:** 9845 2573

**Fax:** 9845 2111

**Email:** [Lynettel@chw.edu.au](mailto:Lynettel@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Nursing Liaison

#### Alternate email:

[lynettel@chw.edu.au](mailto:lynettel@chw.edu.au) (pain) [judithf@chw.edu.au](mailto:judithf@chw.edu.au) (palliative care)

Comprehensive multidisciplinary pain and palliative care service with inpatient and outpatient services.

#### Pain Management

Inpatient consultations are arranged by paging the Pain Fellow (6236) or one of the Pain Nurses (6252 or 6151).

Outpatient referrals must be made by a medical practitioner contacting the Pain Nurse via the Hospital switchboard on 9845 000 and page 6252 or telephoning Outpatient Appointments on 9845 2525.

A member of the Pain Unit should be consulted by telephone, prior to the appointment being made.

#### Palliative Care

Contact the Palliative Care CNC via the Hospital switchboard on 9845 0000 and page 6794 or telephone 9845-2154 and leave a message. Contact the Palliative Care Fellow on 9845-0000, page 6807

#### Bereavement Support

Our Bereavement service offers group support and in some cases, individual counseling to bereaved parents. Bereaved parent and siblings groups are held regularly during the year. Groups for parents are available face-to-face or via telephone and email.

A bereavement support newsletter published twice a year is also available for parents and carers. For more information about counseling and/or support groups please call our Bereavement Co-ordinator on 9845 0000 and page 7013.

[Bereavment Support PDF](#)

#### Staff

- Dr John Collins, Head of Service
- Dr Henry Kilham, Physician
- Dr Jonathan de Lima, Deputy Head of Service
- Dr Jonathan Gillis, Honorary Palliative Consultant
- Kirsty Campbell, Quality Manager
- Lyn Lane, Nurse Practitioner - Pain
- Natasha Haynes, Clinical Nurse Consultant - Pain
- Catriona McLean, Clinical Nurse Consultant - Pain
- Megan Cluff, Clinical Nurse Consultant - Pain

- Kassandra Cannons, Clinical Nurse Consultant - Pain
- Judy Frost, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Palliative Care
- Eden Zell, Registered Nurse, Palliative Care
- Julie Greathouse, Social Worker
- Natasha Samy, Bereavement Co-ordinator
- Sarah Potter, Admin Asst
- Annalee Morales-Yuchio, Pain Fellow
- Martha Mherekumombe, Palliative Care Fellow
- Amanda Fernando, Adolescent and Young Adult Palliative Care Fellow

See also: [Bear Cottage](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 20 of October 2011

## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Parent / Staff Accommodation

**Phone:** 9845 2958

**Fax:** 9845 2959

**Email:** [hostel@chw.edu.au](mailto:hostel@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Ward Street, level 2

The Hospital Accommodation Unit manages accommodation for parents/carers of children admitted to the Hospital. Accommodation is currently available on the ward and in the Parents Hostel. Fees and conditions apply as follows:

#### Parents Hostel and Ward Rooms

- No children are permitted in the Parents Hostel.
- Sofa beds are available for one parent/carer and are available at no charge.
- Kitchenette and laundry facilities are available.
- A cafe, dining room and restaurant are available in the Hospital.
- Parents must visit the hostel office to register their stay on the day of admission of their child and before they take up their accommodation, whether they are staying in the ward or in the hostel.
- Parents/carers are required to pay daily for accommodation.
- Accommodation is also available for staff.

#### Alternate Accomodation

Name of Accommodation	Distance from CHW	Contact
<b>Wesley Lodge</b> 175 Hawkesbury Rd Westmead NSW. 2154	4 min Walk	<a href="http://www.wesleylodge.com.au/">http://www.wesleylodge.com.au/</a> phone 02.9635.1233 fax 02.98937018
<b>Formule 1</b> 377-383 Great Western Hwy. Wentworthville NSW.2145	7 min Drive	<a href="mailto:E5807-RE@accor-hotels.com">E5807-RE@accor-hotels.com</a> <a href="http://www.formule1.com.au">www.formule1.com.au</a> phone 02.9769.1240 fax 02.9769.1250
<b>Chisholm Cottage</b> 49 Alexandra Ave Westmead NSW 2145	4 min Drive 20 min Walk	Phone/fax 02.9633.4228
<b>Courtyard Marriott</b> 18-40 Anderson St Parramatta NSW 2150	15 min Drive	
<b>Claire Residence</b>	20 min Drive	Phone 02.9639.0763
<b>Ronald McDonald House</b>	2 min walk	<a href="mailto:rmh@rmhwestmead.org.au">rmh@rmhwestmead.org.au</a>

Redbank Rd Westmead NSW 2145		<a href="http://www.rmhc.org.au">www.rmhc.org.au</a> Locked Bag 4001 Westmead NSW 2145 Phone 02.9845.0600 Fax 02.9845.0601
<b>Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme</b>		<a href="http://www.royalfarwest.org.au/admin@royalfarwest.org.au">http://www.royalfarwest.org.au/ admin@royalfarwest.org.au</a> PO Box 52 Manly NSW 1655 Phone 02.8966.8500 Fax 02.9977.7134
<b>Youth Hostels Australia</b>		<a href="http://www.yha.com.au/">http://www.yha.com.au/</a>
<b>Last Minute Accommodation</b>		<a href="http://www.travelmate.com.au/">http://www.travelmate.com.au/</a> <a href="http://www.budgethotelssydney.com">www.budgethotelssydney.com</a> <a href="http://www.needitnow.com.au">www.needitnow.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.lastminute.com.au">www.lastminute.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.cheapsearcher.com">www.cheapsearcher.com</a>
<b>CAFAT</b> Suite 1a,Level 6. Westfield Towers 88-100 William St Woolloomooloo NSW 2011		Phone 02.9380.8933
<b>Convoy for Kids</b> PO Box 1218 Goulburn NSW 2580		1300 663 669
<b>Kids In Need (Central Coast)</b> PO Box 3268 Bateau Bay NSW 2261		<b>Pauline</b> phone 02.4385.1485 <b>Rhonda</b> phone 02.4332.4848 <b>Pat</b> phone 02.4332.6345
<b>I.P.T.A.A.S.</b> Isolated Parents Travel & Accommodation Assistance Scheme		<a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/">http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/</a> <b>Albury</b> phone 02.6058.4455 or 02.6058.4498 fax 02.6058.4680 <b>Bathurst</b> phone 02.6339.5312 fax 02.6339.5357 <b>Broken Hill</b> phone 08.8080.1432 fax 08.8080.1695 <b>Dubbo</b> phone 02.6841.2264 fax 02.6884.7223 <b>Goulburn</b> phone 02.4823.7805 fax 02.4823.7929 <b>Lismore</b> phone 02.6620.2168 fax 02.6622.1834 <b>Tamworth</b> phone 02.6766.3946 fax 02.6766.4576 <b>Taree</b> phone 02.6592.9229 fax 02.6551.2087
<b>Map</b> of getting from where you live to the Children's Hospital at Westmead		<a href="http://www.travelmate.com.au/">http://www.travelmate.com.au/</a>

## Staff

- Faith Oxley, Hospital Accommodation Manager
- Kerry Ellis Weekend Coordinator
- Marie Pont

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Ronald McDonald House](#)
- [Social Work](#)

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### Parramatta Early Childhood Assessment Team (PECAT)

**Phone:** 9891 7200

**Fax:** 9891 7222

**Location:** Level 3, 93 George Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

#### Overview

The Parramatta Early Childhood Assessment Team (PECAT) provides a Multidisciplinary, Diagnostic & Assessment service for children under 6 years of age who are not at school. Developmental, intellectual, functional and health assessments are conducted for children who have, or are suspected of having, a global developmental delay or intellectual disability.

Our aims are;

- To identify factors which may have an impact on a child's development and functioning.
- To recognise and diagnose disorders such as autism.
- To document a child's level of development emphasising both areas of strength as well as areas of difficulty.
- To assist the client, family and other professionals in the planning of interventions and services.
- To consult to the client/family for health, development or behavioural concerns related to the disability.
- To provide support over the process of assessment and diagnosis.

#### Who do we see?

PECAT provides services for individuals who live in the Western area of Sydney, as defined by the Parramatta, Holroyd, Auburn, Blacktown, Hills, Hawkesbury, Penrith and Blue Mountains Local Government Areas.

We see;

- Children under the age of 6 years where there are concerns of a global developmental delay or disability.

#### Staff

- Dr. Gillian Brooks, Specialist Developmental Paediatrician and team leader.
- Dr Bee Hong Lo, Visiting Medical Officer, Developmental Paediatrician.
- Denise Sheridan, Clinical Nurse Specialist.
- Bianca Botha, Social Worker.
- Stephen Wiley, Senior Psychologist.
- Andrew Marynissen, Clinical Psychologist.

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Child Development Unit](#)
- [Disability Specialist Unit](#)

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### Pathology

**Phone:** 9845 3276

**Fax:** 9845 3332

**Location:** Level 2, Diagnostic Services building, off Main Street,

The Department of Pathology provides a blood collection service for paediatric outpatients for all departments in the Division of Diagnostic Services.

#### How to make an appointment:

The department is open between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday

How to contact us:

Main Office -- 9845 3276

Please see individual department listings.

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Biochemistry](#)
- [Haematology](#)
- [Histopathology](#)
- [Microbiology](#)
- [Virology](#)

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## Patient Accounts

**Phone:** 9845 3668

**Fax:** 9845 3818

**Email:** [martyner@chw.edu.au](mailto:martyner@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Finance Patient Accounts

Patient accounts may be paid by mail, in person or by phone for Mastercard, Visa cards or Bankcard.

If you are paying in person go to the Cashier in the Galleria, Main building, level 2 (opposite the main entrance). The Cashier is open 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM Monday to Friday.

If you are paying by mail (cheque or credit card), send your payment to:

Revenue Department  
The Children's Hospital at Westmead  
Locked Bag 4002  
Westmead, N.S.W., 2145

If you are paying by phone with one of the credit cards specified above, please fax us or use any of the three phone numbers listed.

If you would like your child to be admitted as a private patient, information about private patient admission is available from the Patient Liaison Officer (9845 3673 or e-mail [nevillep@chw.edu.au](mailto:nevillep@chw.edu.au)) or the Enquiry Desk when you make your booking.

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## Patient Information Request

**See also:** [Medical Records](#)

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## Pharmacy

**Phone:** 9845 2711

**Fax:** 9845 2709

**Email:** [opdrepeat@chw.edu.au](mailto:opdrepeat@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Ward Street, level 2

## Opening Hours:

9am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 9am - 12midday Sat

Plans are in place to commence a Sunday service in 2009.

In the operation of the Hospital, the Pharmacy department is responsible for:

- provision of a service so that medicines and information are available for all patients at all times
- Provision of an Intravenous Drug Admixture Service so that most doses of parenteral drugs given by infusion to in-patients are prepared safely to minimise chance of contamination and protect operators.
- provision of safe, efficient and economical drug distribution and utilisation
- Provision of a Drug Information Service for clinicians
- Providing pharmacy support for medication used in clinical research
- provision of inservice and other educational programs consistent with the needs of pharmacy staff and the community serviced by the Hospital
- developing and maintaining standards in the delivery of Pharmacy services
- reviewing systems, methods and techniques employed and when applicable and appropriate implementing change so that the best possible service is available to patients
- conducting the professional activities of the Department in accordance with the Code of Ethics of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA)
- ensuring conduct of the department and the dispensing of drugs is in accordance with Circular 2007\_077 Policy on the Handling of Medication in NSW Public Hospitals, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2002, the Pharmacy Act 1974, The Drugs, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2002, Controlled Substances Act 1994 and other regulations as administered by the Pharmacy Board of NSW and the NSW Department of Health providing education and practical training for undergraduate and postgraduate pharmacy students and for students seeking work experience.

## Compounding

Preparation of special mixtures, creams and other products so that they are more readily acceptable to children than the usual commercially available adult dose forms. All preparations are compounded according to principles of Good Manufacturing Practice.

This individualised service can be extremely time-consuming. It is preferable that at least 3 days notice be given to accommodate the scheduling and high workload associated with providing the product at the time required for all our patients. A message may be left on the department's answering machine at any time (02 9845 2711), giving name, address, prescription requirements and a return contact number.

## Drug Information

A Drug Information Service is provided for hospital personnel during pharmacy opening hours. We also provide general information for carers within the Hospital. Members of the public may be referred to other services to provide more specific information dealing with their query.

## Discharge Medication

Patients, both private and public, leaving hospital after an admission will be provided with a small supply of dispensed medication as prescribed by their medical officer and dispensed from the hospital pharmacy. This supply is intended to last until a regular source can be obtained for medication which is to continue.

## Outpatient Prescriptions

The Hospital dispensary can provide one month's supply on each occasion for medications prescribed. Prescriptions are written from a CHW outpatient clinic for a public patient with 1 month's supply and 2 repeats (3 months in total, per NSW Health Policy Directive PD2009 (5 Jan 2009). Prescriptions for private patients are to be dispensed in community pharmacies unless the required medication is a hospital-only product.

Send the WHITE COPY ONLY to Pharmacy, retaining the YELLOW copy in the patient's records for future reference. Prescriptions with repeats will be held on file in the pharmacy until repeats are exhausted. Patients from country areas only may have up to 3 months supply (stock allowing) and their repeat prescriptions couriered to them via TNT if not attending the hospital. Other requirements such as authorities for special drugs (antibiotic approvals, SAS, S100 or Drug Committee approval) must be completed and current before outpatient medication can be supplied. Concession card status will also need to be verified on each occasion.

## Charges

General patients: \$26.30 per month's supply

Health Care & Concession Card holders: \$5.30 per month's supply

Safety Net Entitlement Card holders: No Charge

TNT Delivery: \$15 per delivery to country patients, \$25 for places within 50K of the hospital - we prefer parents/patients to attend if at all possible to collect their dispensed prescriptions.

Medication charges are determined by the Department of Health and reviewed annually.

## Pharmacists

- Penny Thornton (Pharmacy Services Manager)
- Peter Barclay (Deputy Director of Pharmacy)
- Catherine Chin (Senior Clinical Pharmacist)
- Rachael Worthington (Medication Safety Pharmacist)
- Birim Ozgur (Senior Oncology Pharmacist)
- Anna Kobialka (Senior Oncology Pharmacist)
- Pathma Joseph (Drug Information Service and Clinical Trials Pharmacist)
- Amina Shah (Senior pharmacist, Aseptic Production)
- Lucy Holt (Senior Pharmacist - Antibiotic Stewardship)
- Judith Longworth (Senior Pharmacist - Psychological Medicine)
- Linda Ip (Pharmacist)
- Lois Grant (Pharmacist)
- Violet Hemmens (Pharmacist)
- Manjula Harithupan (Pharmacist)
- (Pharmacist)
- Mohammad Irfan Azeem (Pharmacist)
- Elizabeth Heiner (Pharmacist & Poisons Centre)
- Joyce Liew (Pharmacist)
- Catherine Nguyen (Pharmacist)
- Julie Reynolds (Pharmacist)
- Therese Cooper (Evening Pharmacist)
- Claude El Hayek (Evening Pharmacist)
- Natalie Tasker (Intern Pharmacist)

One pharmacy intern is employed each year as part of a final year's practical training as a registered pharmacist.

## Technicians

Nine pharmacy technicians are employed

## Support staff

A stores manager, two stores assistants, a pharmacy data manager and personal assistant/receptionist form the pharmacy administrative support team.

See also: [Poisons Information Centre](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Occupational Therapy](#)

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## Physical Disability

**Phone:** 9845 2819

**Fax:** 9845 0685

**Email:** [maryw@chw.edu.au](mailto:maryw@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Children's Assessment Centre, Outpatients building, level 3

The Physical Disability Clinic offers a consultancy service for children and adolescents with predominantly physical disabilities that are congenital or acquired early in life (such as those children with Cerebral Palsy). The clinic assists in coordinating the child's needs by providing consultations, advice and support to parents and families, health professionals, teachers and others who are involved in the care of children with physical disabilities. We coordinate referral to other specialised services and programs where appropriate.

## Who can attend the clinic?

Intake criteria are available for the clinic.

## What do we offer?

- Information regarding diagnosis and disability.
- Consultation and advice regarding feeding; fine and gross motor skills; developmental progress; handwriting and classroom skills; equipment needs; splints and orthoses; education and schooling; bladder and bowel management; activities of daily living; medical needs.
- Liaison with orthopaedic team at the time of surgery

### What programs are available?

- Spasticity Management
- Botulinum Toxin Program
- Intrathecal Baclofen Program
- Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy
- Research

### How to make an appointment

Contact the Intake Officer, Rehabilitation on 9845 2854.

### Staff

- Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Rehabilitation Paediatricians
- Paediatric Registrars
- Orthotist

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Rehabilitation](#)

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### Physiotherapy

**Phone:** 9845 3369

**Fax:** 9845 3685

**Email:** [jennifef@chw.edu.au](mailto:jennifef@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** off Outpatients Street, Outpatients building, level 2

The Physiotherapy Department provides a full paediatric physiotherapy service, including hydrotherapy, for all patients referred by medical staff of the Hospital. In addition to the normal working hours of 8.00 AM - 5.00 PM, an out-of-hours service is available for acute respiratory care only.

### How to make an appointment:

Referrals are only accepted from doctors associated with the Hospital. A patient with a referral should phone the Physiotherapy Department.

### Staff

- Jennifer Follett, Head of Department

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### PKU Clinic

**Phone:** 9845 53452

**Fax:** 9845 51864

**Email:** [ZenaJ@chw.edu.au](mailto:ZenaJ@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** WSGP - Clinical Nurse Consultant

The PKU and Metabolic clinic is the outpatients based arm of the Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service. This is a multidisciplinary service that provides a consultative diagnostic service and clinical care for children with inborn errors of metabolism from all over NSW. The service also currently provides care for many adults with inborn errors of metabolism. We have direct links with the NSW Newborn Screening Programme and the NSW Biochemical Genetics Service, and coordinate an integrated clinical and laboratory approach to the diagnosis, and comprehensive management of a large array of inborn errors of metabolism including:

- Amino acid disorders
- Carbohydrate metabolism disorders
- Urea cycle disorders
- Organic acid disorders
- Cobalamin and folate metabolism disorders
- Fatty acid oxidation defects
- Organelle disorders (incl. mitochondrial disorders, lysosomal storage disorders, and peroxisomal disorders)

**See also:** [Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service \(GMDS\)](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Western Sydney Genetics Program](#)

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### Plastic Surgery

**Phone:** 9845 0000

**Fax:** 9845 3489

**Email:** [peterh3@chw.edu.au](mailto:peterh3@chw.edu.au)

The Department provides the full range of paediatric plastic surgery services. These include separate clinics for the management of cleft lip and palate, craniofacial anomalies, vascular anomalies, microtia and burns. The Department consists of 5 VMO specialists and a Registrar who is an accredited trainee with the RACS.

The Department provides a consultative service and participates in a 24 hour roster for plastic surgical, burn and hand injury cases.

### How to make an appointment:

Appointment is via outpatients reception on 9845 2525.

Clinics are conducted in Outpatients. [Cleft Palate Clinic](#) bookings are made by the Clinic Coordinator, Anne Lyon, from the Department of Speech Pathology, telephone 9845 2079. Craniofacial clinic bookings are made via the secretary to this clinic Michelle Skelleter on 9845 0918. Acute wound clinic appointments are made via Yvonne Thompson on 9845 2529.

### Staff

- Dr Peter Hayward, Department Head
- Dr Robert Gates
- Prof. Michael Poole
- Dr Philip Thompson
- Dr John Vandervord

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Burns Unit](#)
- [Cleft Palate](#)
- [Speech Pathology](#)

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### Poisons Information Centre

**Phone:** 13 11 26

**Location:** Main building, level 2

#### 24 Hour Telephone:

An emergency telephone service to provide information on:

- acute poisoning
- bites and stings from venomous creatures
- drug interactions.

[Click here](#) for the Poisons Information Centre website.

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### Psychological Medicine

**Phone:** 9845 2005

**Fax:** 9845 2009

**Email:** [psychmed@chw.edu.au](mailto:psychmed@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 3

[High Functioning Autism and Asperger's Syndrome: A Seminar for Parents, Carers and Professionals](#)

#### Mission

The Department of Psychological Medicine at the Children's Hospital Westmead:

- Seeks to provide excellent, evidence-based and culturally appropriate clinical care to children and young people with mental health problems or disorders; and their carers.
- Promotes the health and psychosocial well-being of all children through education, liaison and advocacy.
- Strengthens the quality of psychosocial care provided to children and young people through leadership in the training and supervision of health care workers.
- Conducts and disseminates research to promote service improvement, the well-being of children, young people and their families, and the advancement of knowledge.

#### Who We See

The Department of Psychological Medicine provides specialist mental health consultation, clinical and advocacy services for children and young people who are experiencing:

- Psychological or behavioural problems or disorders associated with medical illness or health concerns
- Psychological or behavioural problems or disorders associated with developmental or intellectual disability
- Psychological or behavioural problems or disorders associated with complex psychosocial circumstances or trauma
- Medical complications of psychiatric illnesses
- Serious mental illness requiring treatment in a combined paediatric and psychiatric setting.

#### Referrals

We are a tertiary referral health service, meaning that we primarily see children and young people (from 0-15 years of age) that are:

- Receiving emergency care at the Children's Hospital at Westmead [Emergency Department](#)
- Admitted to Hall Ward, the specialist mental health in-patient facility of the Children's Hospital at Westmead.
- Admitted to the medical wards of the Children's Hospital Westmead
- Receiving specialist outpatient care from another department within the Children's Hospital at Westmead.
- Referred by rural NSW child health specialists for review through the child and adolescent telemedicine psychiatry outreach service (CAPTOS).

To access our services, children and adolescents generally need a referral from a paediatrician associated with the hospital. We do not offer direct community services or accept referrals from general practitioners. In NSW most psychological services for children and adolescents are provided by local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). Please contact your local community health centre (details in the [NSW Health Services Directory](#)) for further information.

The Department does however provide child and adolescent telemedicine psychiatry outreach services (CAPTOS) by site visits and telemedicine/video linkage to remote and rural NSW. These are accessed through the local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

## Services

Individual patient care is offered on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. Treatments offered include family therapy, individual psychological treatment and the prescription of psychotropic medication as appropriate. Families may be offered the opportunity to participate in group treatment programmes where appropriate.

Families of the child or adolescent will be expected to participate in the whole treatment process.

If you have an appointment with the department, then please bring your Medicare card and make sure you complete your registration form and any other questionnaires sent to you.

## Clinical Teams

Staff in the clinical teams includes:

- Child and adolescent psychiatrists (Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry, [www.ranzcp.org](http://www.ranzcp.org))
- Clinical psychologists/ psychologists (Australian Psychological Society, [www.psychology.org.au](http://www.psychology.org.au))
- Mental health nurses (Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses, [www.anzcmhn.org](http://www.anzcmhn.org))
- Social workers (Australian Association of Social Workers, [www.aasw.asn.au](http://www.aasw.asn.au))
- Occupational therapists (Australian Association of Occupational Therapists, [www.ausot.com.au](http://www.ausot.com.au))
- Paediatricians
- Pharmacist (The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia, [www.shpa.org.au](http://www.shpa.org.au))
- Aboriginal child and adolescent mental health workers.
- Administrative professionals
- Health professionals completing training and advanced training in child and adolescent mental health, including Child psychiatry fellows, Psychiatry registrars, Paediatric registrars, Intern Clinical psychologists, Social work students, Art therapy students, and medical students.

## Research

Please visit our [Research](#) page for more details.

## Staff

- Andrea Worth - Social Worker
- Dr Angela Dixon - Psychologist
- Anna Agoroudis - Social Worker
- Annette McInerney - Social Worker
- Dr Catherine Wiltshire - Psychiatrist
- Dr Chris Hardwick - Psychologist
- Dr David Dossetor - Psychiatrist
- Hadia Baassiri - Transcultural Mental Health Consultant
- Dr Jean Starling - Psychiatrist
- Judith Longworth - Pharmacist
- Karen Munro - Psychologist
- Dr Kasia Kozłowska - Psychiatrist
- Margaret English - Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Mee-Mee Lee - Psychologist / Occupational Therapist
- Mellanie Rollans - Mental Health Clinical Nurse Consultant - Emergency
- Dr Michael Bowden - Psychiatrist
- Michelle Wong - Psychologist
- Nichole Andrews - Occupational Therapist
- Paul Rhodes - Psychologist
- Richelle Horscroft - Psychologist
- Rubina Khan - Psychologist
- Dr Ruth Urwin - Senior Hospital Scientist
- Dr Sally Byrne - Psychiatrist
- Dr Sloane Madden - Psychiatrist
- Sonja Kram - Psychologist
- Dr Stephen Koder - Psychiatrist

- Sue Foley - Social Worker

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### Public Relations

**Phone:** 02 9845 3364

**Fax:** 02 9845 2233

**Email:** [jadef@chw.edu.au](mailto:jadef@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main building, level 2 (off the Galleria)

The Public Relations Department manages:

- media enquiries
- [Hospital news](#)
- Hospital publications
- co-ordination and promotion of [special events](#)
- bookings for Hospital tours
- entertainment for patients
- liaison with schools

### Donations:

Donations of toys should be directed to the Volunteers Service.

Donations of goods or money should be directed to the Fundraising Department.

### Staff

- Leonie Leonard, Manager - 02 9845 3580 - [leoniel@chw.edu.au](mailto:leoniel@chw.edu.au)
- Jade Fowler, Enquiries - 02 9845 3364 - [jadef@chw.edu.au](mailto:jadef@chw.edu.au)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Fundraising](#)

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### Quality Care

**See also:** [Service Improvement](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Rehabilitation

**Phone:** 9845 2819

**Fax:** 9845 0685

**Email:** [stepheno@chw.edu.au](mailto:stepheno@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Children's Assessment Centre, Outpatients building, level 3

### About Kids Rehab

**Kids Rehab** is one of the largest paediatric rehabilitation units in Australia, caring for over 3000

children and young people in NSW who have a range of disabilities including Acquired Brain Injury, Cerebral Palsy, Spinal Cord Injury and Disease, Spina Bifida and Limb Deficiency.

**Kids Rehab** supports and assists children and young people to reach their full potential in all areas of development. This involves assessment, recommendations for interventions that help to restore functions that are lost after trauma or disease, follow up review assessments and prevention strategies for problems that may occur.

## Who We Are

**Kids Rehab** is made up of these specialised services each providing inpatient, outpatient and outreach services.

- [Brain Injury Service](#)
- [Limb and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Service](#)
- [Cerebral Palsy and Movement Disorder Service](#)
- [Spina Bifida Service](#)
- [Spinal Cord Injury / Disease Service](#)

**Kids Rehab** also offers a consultative service in conjunction with other CHW Departments to assist children and young people with Connective Tissue, Neuromuscular and Neurodevelopmental problems.

## Specialised Services Offered:

**Kids Rehab** provides the following specialised services:

**Brain Injury Service**, Dr Angie Morrow, Dr Mary-Clare Waugh, Dr Stephen O'Flaherty, Dr Louise Tofts and Dr Antoinette Botman

New referrals: Intake Officer

Telephone: (02) 9845 2132 / (02) 9845 2131

Fax: (02) 9845 0685

**Limb and Musculoskeletal Service**, Dr Adrienne Epps and Dr Louise Tofts

New referrals: Dr Adrienne Epps or Dr Louise Tofts

Telephone: (02) 9845 2230 / (02) 9845 2231

Fax: (02) 9845 2764

(For newborn babies with limb deficiency, referrals to [Department of Clinical Genetics](#).)

**Cerebral Palsy and Movement Disorder Service**, Dr Mary-Clare Waugh, Dr Stephen O'Flaherty, Dr Angie Morrow & Dr Antoinette Botman

New referrals: Intake

Telephone: (02) 9845 2819

Fax: (02) 9845 0685

**Spina Bifida Service**, Dr Antoinette Botman & Dr Louise Tofts

New referrals: Dr Antoinette Botman or Dr Louise Tofts

Telephone: (02) 9845 2769

Fax: (02) 9845 0685

**Spinal Cord Injury/Disease Service**, Dr Mary-Clare Waugh

New referrals: Clinical Nurse Consultant

Telephone: (02) 9845 2819

Fax: (02) 9845 0685

## Inpatient Service

Inpatient Services are provided by some members of the Rehabilitation Department in conjunction with clinicians from Nursing, Allied Health and other Departments within the hospital. Referrals are coordinated by the Paediatric Rehabilitation Registrars, Paediatric Rehabilitation Consultants and Clinical Nurse Consultants.

## Staff

Kids Rehab is staffed by a range of professionals including:

- Case Managers
- Clinical Nurse Consultants
- Clinical Psychologist
- Clinical Neuropsychologists



- Cognitive Therapist
- Occupational Therapists
- Events Manager
- Paediatric Rehabilitation Registrars
- Rehabilitation Fellows
- Rehabilitation Assistant
- Physiotherapists
- Secretaries
- Social Worker
- Speech Pathologist
- Staff Specialists in Paediatric Rehabilitation

Kids Rehab works in conjunctions with a range of other hospital based services including:

- Child Life Therapists
- Hospital School Teaching Staff (Department of Education)
- Specialist School Counsellor (Brain Injury)

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### Renal Treatment Centre

**Phone:** 9845 1218

**Fax:** 9845 1217

**Email:** [jillf3@chw.edu.au](mailto:jillf3@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Ward Street, level 2

The Renal Treatment Centre provides:

- day stay and outpatient care of children on haemodialysis, plasma exchange, peritoneal dialysis and following renal transplantation
- day stay and outpatient care of children with other renal conditions who require administration of specific therapies or who require specialised renal nursing care.

### Staff

- Jill Farquhar, Renal Nurse Practitioner
- Rose Wong, Renal Nurse
- Anne Farlow, Renal Nurse
- Jill McLuand, Renal Nurse
- Julie Byrnes, Renal Nurse

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Research and Development

**Phone:** 9845 3080

**Fax:** 9845 1317

**Location:** Clinical Sciences Building/ Kerry Packer Institute for Child Health

More information on Research and Development can be obtained from the [CHERI section of this website](#).

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Adolescent Medicine](#)
- [Disease Surveillance](#)
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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Research and Education

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**Location:** Children's Hospital Medical Centre, Suite 11, Level 2, Hainsworth Street, Westmead NSW 2145

### Children's Hospital Education Research Institute (CHERI)

#### CHERI's Mission

To be internationally recognised for research that promotes children's health and well-being through improvements in the interface between health and education.

#### Our objectives are:

- To achieve a significant program of applied collaborative research related to the interface between health and education.
- To offer clinical services and resources in educational and family counselling for children with medical, developmental, and psychological conditions.
- To conduct interdisciplinary conference and seminar programs which focus on improving the interface between health and education – thus indirectly promoting children's health and welfare.

For information regarding CHERI please visit the [CHERI website](#).

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Respiratory Medicine

**Phone:** 9845 3395

**Fax:** 9845 3396

**Email:** [peter@chw.edu.au](mailto:peter@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 3

The Department of Respiratory Medicine provides comprehensive consultative and investigative services for children with respiratory disorders. It incorporates the Chest and Asthma, Cystic Fibrosis and Sleep Clinics, Outreach Clinics in Canberra and Orange, as well as providing patient care and consultations. Respiratory Medicine has two diagnostic units:

#### 1. Respiratory Function Unit (RFU)

The RFU contains a Respiratory Laboratory where respiratory function tests are performed. Offices of the Clinical Nurse Consultant for Asthma Education and Cystic Fibrosis Clerk are found within this area.

#### 2. David Read Sleep Unit (SU)

The David Read Sleep Unit (SU) is a four-bed unit specialising in the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders.

### How to make an appointment:

- (02) 9845 2525 Outpatients - Asthma and Chest Clinic
- (02) 9845 2292 Outpatients - CF Clinic
- (02) 9845 3395 Private Rooms - Dr Peter Cooper
- (02) 9845 2295 Respiratory Function Unit
- (02) 9845 3263 Respiratory Support Service

## Staff

### Respiratory and Sleep Physicians

- A/Prof Peter Van Asperen, Department Head
- A/Prof Henry Kilham, Staff Specialist (Respiratory)
- Dr Peter Cooper, Staff Specialist (Respiratory)
- Dr Dominic Fitzgerald, Staff Specialist (Respiratory)
- Dr Hiran Selvadurai, Staff Specialist (Respiratory)
- Dr Chris Seton (Sleep)
- Dr Karen Waters

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Respiratory Clinics](#)
- [Sleep Clinics](#)

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## Respiratory Support

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**Location:** Respiratory Medicine, Sleep Unit

Respiratory Support Services include:

- Sleep Unit
- Overnight screening studies for Respiratory abnormalities
- Inpatient Services for establishing respiratory support
- Home Respiratory Support including oxygen, CPAP, and non-invasive ventilation.
- The Long Term Ventilation Unit (LTVU)
- SIDS research
- Sleep Apnoea Research

The service team includes a Medical Head (A/Prof Karen Waters), and sleep Medicine Consultants (Dr Chris Seton and A/Prof Dominic Fitzgerald), a Clinical Manager (Mr. Victor Tan), Clinical Nurse Consultant (Sara McGregor) and a Scientific Officer (Ms Carla Evans/Ms Rebecca Hensley). We offer outpatient clinical services for review of patients with sleep disorders, overnight sleep studies to diagnose sleep problems and sleep studies as well as screening studies to prioritise and monitor treatment.

How to make a referral:

For new or follow-up **outpatient** referrals: Outpatient appointments are made by telephoning 9845 2525. A letter of referral should be faxed to our secretary on 9845 3396 or sent directly to one of the Sleep Unit physicians. Bookings and enquiries can also be made via the secretary on 9845 3437. For enquiries regarding the Sleep Unit, Sleep Studies, or to make Sleep Clinic bookings, please phone 9845 3437. Private patient referrals should be directed to the relevant Physician numbers.

Physicians include Dr Karen Waters (no Private clinics), Dr Dominic Fitzgerald (Private patients: 9845 3397), or Dr Chris Seton (Private patients 0423 523 840).

For new or follow-up **inpatient** referrals: The Respiratory Fellow/Registrar should be notified. This includes patients who require establishment, or discharge on any of the above listed Respiratory Support treatments (oxygen, CPAP, and non-invasive ventilation). When a Fellow is available specifically for Sleep Medicine, they are contactable through the switchboard. Please also check for request forms on the intranet to supply items such as home oxygen.

Donations for **Equipment** should be directed to "Kids Sleep".

Donations for **Research** should be directed to "SIDS & Sleep Apnoea Research".

**See also:** [Sleep Unit](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Donations](#)

- [Home Respiratory Support](#)
- [Inhalation Therapy](#)
- [Respiratory Medicine](#)
- [Sleep Clinics](#)
- [Sleep Unit](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Rheumatology

**Phone:** 9845 0000

**Location:** Bandaged Bear clinic

The Department treats all children with symptoms or signs of any musculoskeletal disease, including juvenile arthritis, auto-immune/inflammatory diseases eg. SLE, dermatomyositis, scleroderma.

#### How to make an appointment:

Telephone Outpatients on 9845 2525.

#### Staff

- Dr Jeffrey Chaitow, Head
- Dr Davinder Singh-Grewal, Staff Specialist

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Occupational Therapy](#)
- [Physiotherapy](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Ronald McDonald House

**Phone:** 9845 0600

**Fax:** 9845 0601

**Location:** Located at rear of wards; entry via Redbank Road, Westmead (off Briens Road)

Ronald McDonald House provides accommodation for families who live 100km or more from the Hospital. Both short term and long term accommodation is available. Priority is given to oncology families.

#### How to make an appointment:

Contact the Manager on 9845 0600, or page 6601 via the Hospital switchboard on 9845 0000.

#### Staff

- Adrienne Pearson - General Manager - 9845 0603
- Simone Daher - House Manager - 9845 0600
- Kelly Burton - Events & Volunteer Co-ordinator - 9845 0629
- **Enquiries - 9845 0600**
- Overnight Volunteer - 9845 0628
- Parents' Telephone - 9845 0610
- Parents' Telephone - 9845 0620
- Facsimile - 9845 0601

#### Related Services and Clinics

- [Parent / Staff Accommodation](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### School

**Phone:** 9845 2813

**Fax:** 9845 2837

**Email:** [margara6@chw.edu.au](mailto:margara6@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main building, level 2, off the Galleria

The Department of Education and Training provides educational services for children and adolescents who are patients.

Students who are well enough can attend a classroom for normal school hours. Other patients will receive individual attention at the bedside.

Teachers prefer to maintain a program closely related to that of the home school.

#### **How to make an enrolment:**

Arranged by NUM, teacher or school office.

#### **Staff**

- Margaret Allan, Principal
- Kristine Hamilton, School Administration Manager

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Scoliosis

**Phone:** (02) 9845 0000

**Location:** Level 2 - Orthopaedic Department

#### **Appointments**

Ph (02) 9845 2879

#### **Consultants and Clinic days**

Dr John Cummine - Scoliosis - Wednesday am, Thursday am fortnightly

Dr Brian Hsu - Spine - Wednesday am, Thursday am fortnightly

Dr Andrew Cree - Spine - Wednesday am (fortnightly)

#### **Method of referring**

Referral detailing the reason for the referral written to the specialist by name to be faxed to the Orthopaedic Department on (02) 9845 2702. These will be assessed in order of urgency and priority and an appointment will be sent to the patient in the mail. If a referral is deemed to be urgent by the referring doctor, it should be followed up with a telephone call to Corinne Bridge on 9845 0000, page 6966.

#### **Clinic Function**

Investigation and management of children aged between 0 and 16 years with spinal problems.

#### **Urgent cases**

Through Emergency

#### **Contact**

Corinne Bridge, Orthopaedic/Spine Nurse Practitioner. Page 6966.

**See also:** [Orthopaedic Surgery](#)

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## the children's hospital at Westmead

### Service Improvement

**Phone:** 9845 3442

**Fax:** 9845 1007

**Email:** [siu@chw.edu.au](mailto:siu@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Main building, level 3 (block 6, near Clancy Ward)

The Service Improvement Unit (SIU) has been established to bring together services responsible for driving continuous improvement across The Children's Hospital at Westmead to ensure the provision of excellence in child health care.

In particular the team is responsible for clinical review, complaint management, patient liaison, accreditation and overall service improvement initiatives within the Hospital.

#### Roles:

- Education and support for continuous improvement
- Review of Hospital systems operation
- Service improvement
- Clinical review
- Clinical practice improvement
- Consumer participation
- Patient liaison
- Project management
- Complaint management and feedback coordination
- [Accreditation](#) coordination
- Resource development
- Benchmarking activities
- Policy, Procedure and Guideline coordination

In summary, the Service Improvement Unit's role is to coordinate improvement efforts across all areas of the Hospital to ensure that we are providing the highest quality of care possible.

#### Vision

To establish a culture of seeking excellence through continuous improvement at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

#### Mission

To provide leadership in and education and support for continuous improvement for all staff at the Hospital and to facilitate the pursuit of Excellence in Child Health Care.

#### Core Values

Commitment to the organisational vision.

Accountability to each other, our customers and to the Hospital.

Respect for one another and for the families within our care.

Excellence in our individual and corporate roles.

Service to the organisation, the community and external agencies.

See also the Hospital's Vision and Mission statements and [Code of Conduct](#).

#### Goals

1. To embed continuous improvement practices into everyday work throughout the Hospital by increasing the understanding of and enthusiasm for continuous improvement. This will also lead to the achievement of a safe and just culture in the Hospital.
2. To achieve a high level of meaningful and appropriate consumer involvement at the Hospital and consolidating existing partnerships and identifying new opportunities for partnerships. The value of consumer involvement in service planning

and delivery will be widely recognised.

3. To become respected as a leader in the application of Continuous Improvement in a healthcare setting.

## Key Activities to Support SIU Goals

- Ask our patients, families and others who use our services what we do well and what we could improve and, most importantly, have a system in place where this information is used to continuously improve services (both clinical and corporate).
- Systematically review our clinical care to ensure it is based on the latest and best evidence available.
- Collect data or information that measures how we are performing in all areas of care - with particular attention to the six domains of quality, which are:
  1. Safety
  2. Appropriateness
  3. Effectiveness
  4. Consumer participation
  5. Efficiency
  6. Access
- Collect, review and evaluate information to identify improvement opportunities and act using this information.
- Benchmark this information with other Areas and organisations that are providing care to children to learn, collaborate and improve what we do and how we do it.
- Contribute to the State, National and International efforts at improving the health care of children.
- To be accredited by an independent and external organisation.
- Constantly update the information and information systems we are using to ensure we are identifying all opportunities for improvement.
- Have a robust planning and improvement process that is clearly documented and relevant at all levels of the organisation.

## Useful Links

- [The Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#)
- [NSW Health Quality Branch](#)
- [NSW Service Principles and Obligations](#)

## Staff

- Elizabeth Harnett, Service Improvement Coordinator (Department Head)
- Ahmed Jamal, Clinical Practice Improvement Coordinator
- Gabrielle O'Grady, Clinical Practice Improvement Project Officer
- Betty Radcliffe, Patients' Friend
- Katherine Stone, Carer Support Program Coordinator
- Joyce Murphy, Consumer Participation Coordinator
- Kay Babalis, Improvement Coordinator
- Karen Steinhoff, Service Improvement Project Officer
- Raymond Chaseling, Clinical Risk Manager
- Chrissy Ceely, Patient Safety Manager
- Karyn Paull, IIMS Manager
- Shirley Warren, Policy and Procedure Coordinator
- Rachael Grayson, Norma Wilson and Loan Lam, Administration Assistants

## Senior Complaints Officer

Dr Stuart Dorney, Director of Clinical Governance and Medicine  
Phone: (02) 9845 3475

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## Sibling Care

**Phone:** 9845 3838

**Fax:** 9845 3591

**Email:** [jillj@chw.edu.au](mailto:jillj@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Level 1 - near cafeteria

Sibling Care is an area in which the brothers and sisters of patients can be cared for, this allows parents to concentrate on the

care of the child in the ward, attending a clinic or receiving an outpatient treatment. This facility is opened from 9.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Saturday and every second Sunday 9.00am - 3.00pm.

A small fee is charged.

Children who are inpatients in the hospital can not, under any circumstances, stay in Sibling Care. This is to avoid the possibility of any mishap, eg a child being given food when he or she is meant to be fasting before surgery, a drip or line being dislodged or in the event of the child suddenly becoming unwell. This is also to protect the Siblings in the Centre.

A child is not able to stay in Sibling Care if an adult relative wants to stay too. This is because the service is limited and is only available to families who have no other adult to supervise their children.

**Jill Jenkins**

Volunteers Services Co-Ordinator

See also: [Volunteering](#)

**Related Services and Clinics**

- [Aboriginal Health Services](#)

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See also: [Dermatology](#)

Last updated: Thursday, 13 of July 2006



**Phone:** 9845 3437

**Fax:** 9845 3396

**Email:** [VictorT@chw.edu.au](mailto:VictorT@chw.edu.au); [MichelC8@chw.edu.au](mailto:MichelC8@chw.edu.au); [KarenW2@chw.edu.au](mailto:KarenW2@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Rotary Wing, near Turner Day Stay

The Sleep Unit at the Children's Hospital was the first Paediatric Sleep Unit to be established in NSW and continues to be one of the biggest and busiest units in Australia. The Sleep Unit is a part of the Respiratory Support Service (RSS). The RSS provides diagnostic and treatment facilities for children with sleep-associated disorders. At the Children's Hospital at Westmead we see all types of sleep disorders, but we specialize in respiratory disorders that affect children during sleep. This includes obstructive sleep apnoea, chronic lung diseases, and problems with ventilation. Many of these respiratory disorders only appear during sleep times, or else they get worse during sleep.

For new referrals, patients should call the outpatient clinics (9845 2525) for an appointment. Alternatively, a referral letter addressed to our Sleep Specialists can be faxed to our secretary, Michelle Curtis on (02) 9845 3396. All new patients must bring a referral letter from their doctor when they come to their first appointment.

Our service works collaboratively with many other services in the hospital, including the intensive care units. Because sleep is associated with changes in muscle tone and breathing, overnight sleep studies help us to determine whether a child's breathing is normal or abnormal during sleep times. The particular changes that we see during a sleep study can help us make an accurate diagnosis of the sleep problem. Sleep studies are also used after treatment is started, to make sure that the therapy is correcting the problem at all times during sleep.

The treatments that we provide include various forms of ventilatory support during sleep. The main therapies used by our service are oxygen, CPAP and non-invasive ventilation. Our hospital has extensive and specialized experience with the use of nasal masks for CPAP (continuous positive airways pressure) and non-invasive ventilation in children. Our program cares for children with hypoventilation disorders who need to be ventilated, whether this is only during sleep times or for 24-hours a day. Our staff are affiliated with the University of Sydney and provide research supervision and training for National and International students and clinicians who already work, or who want to work in Pediatric Sleep Medicine.

Donations for **Equipment** should be directed to "Kids Sleep".

Donations for **Research** should be directed to "SIDS & Sleep Apnoea Research".

See also: [Respiratory Medicine](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Donations](#)
- [Home Respiratory Support](#)
- [Inhalation Therapy](#)
- [Respiratory Support](#)
- [Sleep Clinics](#)

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## Social Work

**Phone:** 9845 2641

**Fax:** 9845 2633

**Email:** [LynetteB@chw.edu.au](mailto:LynetteB@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 1 (near the ramp)

Counselling for patients, siblings, parents and other family members related to:

- coping with illness, disability or hospitalisation
- loss, grief and bereavement
- the emotional effects of trauma
- stress associated with parenting.

Advice, information and referral to community support services.

Provision of volunteer carers for unaccompanied children in hospital through the Ward Grandparent Program.

An Aboriginal Health Education Officer is available for Aboriginal patients.

Specialist social work staff in burns, cardiology, oncology, diabetes, spina bifida, trauma, cystic fibrosis, neurology, disability and chronic disorders, neonatal care and early childhood.

## How to make an appointment:

Medical referral to Department of Social Work if the child is a patient of the Hospital. Referrals also accepted from health, education and community welfare agencies for patients of the Hospital.

## Staff

- Lyn Biviano, Head of Department
- Julie Finlay, Deputy Head

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the children's hospital at Westmead

## Speech Pathology

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**Fax:** 9845 2078

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**Location:** Outpatients building, level 2

## General Information

### The Elinor Wray Department of Speech Pathology

The current speech pathology department originated from a Speech Therapy service established in Australia at the Royal

Alexandra Hospital for Children, Camperdown, in 1931 by **Elinor Wray**, a graduate speech therapist from the Central School of Speech and Drama, London. Elinor was originally appointed in an honorary capacity, on the recommendation of Sir Robert Wade, surgeon, and conducted three clinics weekly for the next seven years on a voluntary basis. There were no other Speech Therapists working in Australia at that time and this speech clinic was the only one of its kind.

The Speech Pathology Department at The Children's Hospital at Westmead today provides diagnostic and therapeutic services to children with a range of feeding and communication problems, who attend the hospital as inpatients and outpatients. Additionally, the department offers a clinical education programme to fourth and final year students from universities offering a speech pathology programme. The department is also responsible for providing information and advice to speech pathologists and other health professionals throughout NSW, and professional development of hospital staff, as appropriate and necessary.

Speech Pathologists are also employed directly by the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit and in the Cleft Palate Clinic. Please refer to the relevant departments for more information on these services.

## **Current Service Provision**

### **Inpatient Services**

The Speech Pathology Department offers an inpatient service to all hospital wards, for

- children with feeding and swallowing difficulties, which may include Modified Barium Swallow procedures
- children with speech and language deficits following traumatic brain injury or as a result of neurological problems.
- children with tracheostomy

Inpatient referrals for general speech and language problems will be acknowledged, but as far as possible, children will be referred out to local community health services for assessment and continued management.

### **Outpatient Services**

The Speech Pathology Department endeavours to offer a quality, tertiary outpatient service to children for who are referred from the appropriate referral sources, as outlined in the hospital's Allied Health referral policy.

Outpatient services are provided for

- (a) all children referred with feeding and swallowing difficulties, which may include Modified Barium Swallow procedures
- (b) children with communication, speech and language deficits, who meet referral requirements and the department's prioritisation criteria. See sections below for more information.

### **Referral Requirements and Process**

All outpatients must be referred by medical specialists with referring rights to CHW. GP referrals cannot be accepted.

Referrals need to be in writing or through Powerchart, the hospital's electronic medical record system.

Parents who have been given a written referral by a specialist with referring rights to CHW should mail/ fax the referral directly to the speech pathology department.

On receipt of referral, families are sent preliminary information about the process of referral and are given a questionnaire to fill in and return to the department. It is not automatic that the child will be assessed once the questionnaire has been filled in.

The Speech pathologists conduct a monthly intake meeting to discuss whether the department would be able to provide a suitable service for the child's needs.

If not, then parents are contacted for further discussion of alternative options.

Once the referral is accepted, an initial assessment appointment is mailed out to the family.

Families need to be aware that there is a waiting time for assessments.

It is recommended that families contact six weeks after referral if they have not heard from the Speech Pathology Department.

### **Prioritisation**

Due to resource constraints, we are currently unable to attend to all the outpatient speech and language referrals directed to us.

The speech pathology department has therefore had to introduce a process of intake and prioritisation, based on factors such as age, medical problems and the type of speech and language problem.

Medical staff are contacted in writing if their patients are not being offered a service at this department. In these instances, other options to access speech pathology are provided.

Referrals for children with global developmental delay and disability are directed to the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home care, for more appropriate management.

Similarly, preschool aged children with global developmental difficulties who would benefit from attending early intervention services are recommended to the appropriate local service.

For further enquiries re eligibility for a service at the Speech Pathology Department or to discuss options, please contact the Department on 02 9845 2076.

## Therapy Services

Ongoing therapy services are limited. Delivery of service can be via individual and group therapy, home programming, consultation and liaison with other professionals involved. Individual therapy is only offered on a short-term basis for a finite number of sessions, depending on the child's age and problem.

No therapy is offered for school-aged children past kindergarten or for those children whose needs require long-term, ongoing input. In such instances, more suitable alternative therapy options will be discussed with parents/carers.

## Modified Barium Swallow Studies

Modified barium swallow procedures are conducted in conjunction with Medical Imaging. This service is offered for all patients who need further objective assessment for risk of aspiration, via dynamic videofluoroscopy, a service which is not widely accessible in the community.

The referral process is as above.

## Advice for parents/carers concerned about their child's speech/language skills

It is recommended that parents/carers contact their local Community Health Centre as soon as they suspect that their child may have some difficulties with speech and language, and place their child on the waiting list.

Parents/carers may also avail of Medicare's Enhanced Primary Care (EPC) Program, which allows up to five private speech pathology sessions per year, with receipt of the Medicare rebate.

Private speech pathology services are also an option. A list of private practitioners can be found on Speech Pathology Australia's website ([www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au))

## Staff

- Jeanette Cowell, Head Speech Pathologist
- Amanda Simon, Deputy Head Speech Pathologist and Clinical Senior
- Gloria Tzannes - Student Unit Supervisor and Clinical Senior, Brain Injury
- Stephanie Newton, Speech Pathologist and Clinical Senior, Dysphagia
- Kate Hodge, Speech Pathologist
- Desiree Ortato, Speech Pathologist
- Susan Wallace, Department Secretary

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## Spina Bifida

**Phone:** 9845 2769

**Fax:** 9845 0685

**Email:** [carolynw@chw.edu.au](mailto:carolynw@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** in Children's Assessment Centre, Outpatients building, level 3

The Spina Bifida team is a multi-disciplinary team including a physiotherapist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist, community nurse, social worker, rehabilitation coordinator and surgical consultants.

We provide:

- inpatient service to children with spina bifida
- outpatient service
- developmental service
- school liaison
- information and education
- outreach clinics and transition services.

### **How to make an appointment or referrals:**

Telephone secretary for Dr West on 9845 2769.

### **Staff**

- Dr Carolyn West, Coordinator  
Sr Julie Dicker, Community Nurse Ms Shannon Tracey, Social Worker Ms Suzie Taylor, Physiotherapist Ms Sarah Donaldson, Physiotherapist Ms Alison Jones, Occupational Therapist Ms Pamela Larbalestier, Secretary

### **Related Services and Clinics**

- [Rehabilitation](#)
- [Spina Bifida Clinics](#)

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## **Spinal Cord Injury / Disease**

**Phone:** (02) 9845 2819

**Fax:** (02) 9845 0685

**Email:** [maryw@chw.edu.au](mailto:maryw@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Children's Assessment Centre, Outpatients Building, level 3

### **Service:**

As part of the Rehabilitation Department, the Spinal Cord Clinic offers a consultancy and management service for children and adolescents, from birth to school leaving, with acquired spinal cord pathology. This includes injuries sustained as the result of trauma or through disease such as transverse myelitis. (Children with Spina Bifida are seen in their own specialist clinic). The clinic aims to provide ongoing education for the child and their family to prevent and recognise problems before they arise. Some of these issues include bladder and bowel dysfunction, sensory impairment and autonomic abnormalities, weakness, scoliosis and neurosurgical problems.

### **Referral process:**

Most children and adolescents are referred to the clinic after their acute inpatient stay. As an inpatient the child is offered an individual program to suit their level of need. This may include input from multidisciplinary team members - medical, nursing, occupational therapy, social worker, physiotherapy, speech pathology, dietetics, hospital school, child life therapy, clinical psychology, neuropsychology. Where necessary referrals can be made to other relevant specialists in the hospital such as Urology, Orthopaedics, Neurosurgery and Neurology.

Outpatient referrals can be made from any professional or the family themselves. With the family's consent, information from those involved in the child's care is obtained, to assess suitability of the referral. Clinics are held on Fridays. Hospital therapists are available for consultation to the clinic and community therapists are also encouraged to attend with the child and their family. A comprehensive summary of the clinic assessment is sent to the family and with parental consent, to those involved in the child's management.

### **Follow up:**

Families can choose to remain with the service for as long as their child or adolescent remains at school. This may only require an annual appointment in the clinic. Other families may benefit from regular phone contact and ongoing case management including school and home visits.

### **How to make an appointment:**

Inpatient referrals are made to the Rehabilitation Registrar, page no. 6404

Outpatient referrals should be directed to the Clinical Nurse Consultant on (02) 9845 2814

## Staff:

Dr Mary-Clare Waugh, Paediatric Rehabilitation Specialist  
Clinical Nurse Consultant  
Rehabilitation Registrars

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Rehabilitation](#)

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**the children's hospital** at Westmead

## Sports Medicine

**Phone:** 9845 0761

**Fax:** 9845 0432

**Email:** [robertp@chw.edu.au](mailto:robertp@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Suite 13, Level 2 in the Children's Hospital Medical Centre, Hainsworth St, Westmead

## What is CHISM?

CHISM, the Children's Hospital Institute of Sports Medicine, is part of the Children's Hospital at Westmead. CHISM is unique to Australia. Services include paediatric sports medicine, rehabilitation services, paediatric exercise science research, paediatric exercise testing and exercise prescription, education and training and child advocacy. CHISM is supported by donated funds, user pays services and Medicare billing.

## What does CHISM do?

CHISM provides treatment that enriches the lives of children with acute injuries and chronic illnesses and/or disabilities such as paediatric obesity, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, cerebral palsy, cancer, spina bifida, haemophilia, hypermobility, muscular dystrophy, juvenile arthritis and children following traumatic brain injury.

Experts at CHISM provide tailor-made exercise programs for these children. They give advice on suitable exercise and sporting activities for different diseases so that these children have the chance to participate in a part of life considered routine for their healthy peers. In so doing, their lives are defined by their activities and not their disease.

The mission of CHISM is to provide the highest quality services in paediatric sports medicine and exercise science through clinical care, research, policy development, scientific physiological assessments, promoting good practice, education and training, consulting and working with key community stakeholders and engaging in advocacy issues on behalf of children and youth.

## Staff

- Dr Robert J Parker, Department Head, Exercise Physiologist
- Gilly Paxton, Manager CHISM
- Dr Carolyn Broderick, Staff Specialist Paediatric Sports Medicine
- Associate Professor Gary Browne, Staff Specialist Paediatric Sports Medicine
- Brendan Kennedy Exercise Physiologist
- Dr Ken Crichton, Honorary Consultant Sports Physician
- Dr Louise Northcott, Research Fellow
- Amanda Herriott, Physiotherapist
- Miriam Dawes, Administration Coordinator
- Miriam Dawes, Administrative Assistant

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Respiratory Medicine](#)

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### Stomal Therapy

**Phone:** 9845 2158

**Fax:** 9845 2111

**Email:** [theresc2@chw.edu.au](mailto:theresc2@chw.edu.au)

**Location:** Outpatients building, level 3

- Includes stomal therapy, tracheostomy care, wound management.
- Coordinates and manage patient care within specialty. This includes discharge planning and liaison with community and outreach services.
- Provides clinical support and education to staff, community nurses and other paediatric units where patients are referred or transferred.
- Provides educational support to families requiring ongoing treatment and management.
- Runs Stomal Therapy Clinic.
- Manages patient with ulcerated haemangiomas in conjunction with dermatologists.

### How to make an appointment:

Phone directly on 9845 2158 or page the Stomal Therapy Clinical Nurse Consultant via the Hospital switchboard on 9845 0000. A written referral from a medical/surgical HMO is required.

### Staff

- Therese Chand, Clinical Nurse Consultant - Stomal Therapy

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### Surgery

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**Location:** Diagnostic Services Building, level 3

Elective and urgent referrals are accepted for the management of paediatric general surgical, urological, transplantation, burns and neonatal conditions. Patients have the choice of being seen in the Department, in the surgeons' rooms or in the Outpatients Department.

### Staff

- A/Prof Ralph Cohen (Head of Department) - (9845 3349)
- Dr Albert Shun - (9845 3235)
- A/Prof Andrew Holland - (9845 1908)
- Dr Erik La Hei - (9845 3235)
- Dr John Harvey - (9845 3235)
- Dr Genevieve Cummins, VMO
- Dr Hugh Martin, VMO
- Dr John Pitkin, VMO

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Cardiology / Cardiac Surgery](#)

- [Day Surgery](#)
- [Neurology / Neurosurgery](#)
- [Orthopaedic Surgery](#)
- [Plastic Surgery](#)
- [Surgical Clinics](#)

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### Telephone Advice

[Healthdirect Australia](#)

24-hr phone health advice line staffed by Registered Nurses)

**Phone:** 1800 022 222

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### Thalassaemia

**Phone:** 9845 2525

**See also:** [Haematology](#)

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### Transition Services

**Phone:** (02) 9845 2446

**Fax:** (02) 9845 2517

**Location:** Adolescent Medical Unit - Level 1

### What is Transition Planning all about?

Young people leave the care of the Children's Hospital by the age of 18 years.

Our goal is to ensure that they feel well prepared, to the best of their ability, to successfully manage their own health care in the future and have a good knowledge and understanding of their condition.

Transition from the familiar Children's Hospital setting to an adult health service involves a period of preparation and planning. It is important to start planning early in adolescence. This allows time to talk about what future care is needed, where that care should be given, and to make sure that the young person feels ready to move on to an adult health service.

It's also a time for families to familiarise themselves with their changing role, from primary care giver to advocate, allowing the young person (where possible) to take on more of the responsibility of managing their own health care needs.

Depending on their condition they may either, access local facilities, or continue to need specialist care in a tertiary adult hospital.

Whatever the needs, our goal is to ensure that you feel well prepared to face the new challenges of managing your own health care.

Why do we need to transfer services?

Paediatric hospitals are not physically set up to look after adults.

Many adolescents with chronic illness are now surviving well into adulthood due to advances in medical care and improvements in technology. The equipment and care is designed for smaller, younger people, and paediatric facilities and expertise might not be adequately prepared to look after the psychosocial needs of a young person/ adult on the ward.

It is important that supported continuity of care is provided to prevent young people getting lost or dropping out of the adult health care system.

### Services:

Your health care team will be able to assist you in the preparation and planning of your ongoing health care needs and put you in contact with the adult Transition Coordinators.

We have a Transition Information Kit available from the Adolescent Medical Unit to help with planning and to help answer queries.

Transitional Care Coordinators (TCC's) are based in adult hospitals at 3 locations around the state. These people can assist you to transition to an adult health care team and answer queries about the adult health care system.

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Rebecca Harris -

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## Upcoming Events at CHW:

### Transition Planning Information Evenings

**2010 Dates:** 4th May and 21st September 2010

Do you look after a young person 15yrs or older with complex health care needs?

Or are you a young person wondering what happens when you turn 18?

Take control and start planning YOUR future!

Come along to a Transition information evening where we can help you start planning for the move to an adult health care team. All parents, carers and teenagers welcome.

This is an opportunity for parents to increase their knowledge about preparing young people (>15yrs) to manage their health care independently, or explore options for those who will remain dependent on carers and family.

There will be separate sessions for young people to meet others who have moved on to adult services and hear from young people about what they found important to know when making the move.

Meet the adult Transition Coordinators and find out more about the adult health care system and available facilities.

### Resources:

If you're a young person requiring more information please [click here](#).

If you're a parent or carer requiring more information please [click here](#).

There is also a NSW Transition website for parents, young people, and health professionals, with a wealth of information about planning for the future. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/gmct/transition>

**See also:** [Adolescent Medicine](#)

### Related Services and Clinics

- [Adolescent Clinics](#)

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### Trauma

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**Location:** In the Department of Surgery, Diagnostic Services Building, Level 3

The Trauma Service coordinates the management of injured children admitted to the Hospital and undertakes quality assurance activities.

The service provides information and advice to other health professionals.

Our aim is to prevent injuries from occurring, manage injuries that do occur and support families after the loss of a child.

## Staff

- Professor Danny Cass, Director
- Dr Andrew Holland, Consultant
- Dr S.V.S. Soundappan, Trauma Fellow
- Mr Frank Ross, Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Ms Kay Foster, Secretary

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## Ultrasound

See also: [Medical Imaging](#)

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## Urology

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**Location:** Diagnostic Services building, level 3.

The Department of Urology accepts elective and urgent referrals for urological problems in children. Examples include hypospadias, hydronephrosis, vesicoureteric reflux and neurogenic bladder dysfunction. Patients have the choice of being seen in the Department, in the surgeons' rooms or in the Outpatients Department.

## Staff

- Dr Grahame Smith - phone 9845 3349
- Prof. Ralph Cohen - phone 9845 3235
- Dr Nathalie Webb - contact via switch or via SCH

## Related Services and Clinics

- [General Surgery](#)
- [Nephrology](#)
- [Nephrology Clinics](#)

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## Vascular Birthmarks Program

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A comprehensive vascular anomalies centre for children with haemangiomas, vascular malformations and vascular tumours.

## About us

The multidisciplinary Vascular Birthmarks Program was started in 1994 at the Childrens Hospital at Camperdown by Dr Maureen Rogers, Australia's foremost paediatric dermatologist. Now based at The Childrens Hospital at Westmead, our unit

has grown to be able to offer all current major treatments for haemangiomas and vascular malformations. As a tertiary referral program, our unit has a special interest in the physical and emotional care of families where a child has severe, life threatening or deforming vascular anomalies. High level clinical assessment by experts in the field is combined with state of the art imaging and treatment facilities at the Childrens Hospital at Westmead. Complex conditions can be offered the best available treatment in a supportive environment dedicated to the care of children, whether as an outpatient, inpatient or in the intensive care unit. Antenatal counselling and neonatal intensive care is available to care for more severely affected babies from the moment of diagnosis.

## Team members

**Dr David Lord** Interventional and diagnostic radiologist. Minimally invasive image guided treatment for vascular malformations as well as neonatal embolisation for vascular tumours. Special interests include treatment of orbital vascular malformations, vascular malformations causing life threatening airway obstruction and peripheral arteriovenous malformations.

**Dr Peter Hayward and Dr Phil Thompson** Paediatric plastic surgeons. Plastic, microsurgical and reconstructive surgery for haemangiomas and vascular malformations.

**Dr Li-Chuen Wong and Dr Peter Hogan** Paediatric dermatologists. Evaluation and treatment of haemangioma and vascular birthmarks.

**Dr Gayle Fisher and Dr Anne O'Neill** Paediatric laser dermatologists. Laser treatment of vascular birthmarks and haemangioma.

**Dr Emma McCahon** Paediatrician Oncologist. Vincristine program for treatment of refractory haemangioma and other vascular tumours (kaposiform haemangioendothelioma and tufted angioma).

**Dr Susan Arbuckle and Dr Nicole Graf** Paediatric pathologists. Reference histopathology laboratory for diagnosis of vascular birthmarks.

**Dr Megan Sherwood** Paediatric cardiologist. Assessment and management of the child with high output cardiac state.

**Dr Catherine Birman and Dr Alan Cheng** Ear Nose and Throat specialist surgeons with expertise in airway management and subglottic haemangioma.

**Associate Professor Albert Lam** Paediatric Radiologist: Specialises in the diagnostic imaging of vascular anomalies, especially ultrasound.

**Dr Hugh Martin** Paediatric surgeon. Expertise in care of vascular malformations patients, including Klippel treaunay syndrome.

## Contact us

Referrals for assessment and treatment can be made through the interventional radiology office on 02 98451244 or through Dr Li-Chuen Wong on 02 9557 8144

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## Virology

**Phone:** 9845 3822

**Fax:** 9845 3291

**Location:** Level 2 Diagnostics Building, off Main Street

The Department of Virology provides a diagnostic service in virology including viral isolation and detection by immunofluorescence, serological testing and molecular detection.

A clinical virologist is on-call and available at all times to provide advice about the optimal use of the laboratory tests and to assist with the interpretation of results. Consultation and advice on the management of patient with infections is provided in association with Clinical Infectious Diseases physician on call for consultations.

The Virology Department, in conjunction with the Departments of Microbiology, and Infectious Diseases has particular interests in the paediatric and congenital viral infections.

## How to make an appointment:

Appointments are necessary for consultation in virological infectious disease. Contact the clinical virologist directly on 9845 3823, or contact the Infectious Diseases Fellow via the Hospital switchboard on 9845 0000.

## How to contact us:

Main Virology Laboratory -- 9845 3822  
Main Serology Laboratory -- 9845 3826  
Registrar -- 9845 3274, (page 6675)  
Staff Specialists -- 9845 3823, or 9845 3279 (page 6444)  
-- 98453279, (page 6628)  
Hospital Scientist-in-Charge -- 9845 3822

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Microbiology](#)

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## Volunteering

**Phone:** 9845 3841

**Location:** Main building, level 2

## Sibling Services

The Volunteers Department provides an invaluable service throughout the Hospital, including:

- **Concierge service:** a Volunteer accompanies patients from the Enquiries Desk to their destination and/or other locations around the Hospital. Arrangements can also be made for escorts to mind children while parents park their car.
- **Child minding:** the Sibling Care Centre is provided for brothers and sisters of children in Hospital, or attending an Outpatient Clinic or Emergency. The Centre is open 7 days a week: 9.00am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and 10.00am to 2.00pm on weekends. There is a small fee. Children staying during lunchtime should bring a packed lunch. The Centre closes on Christmas Eve and re-opens on 1 February each year. Bookings are required. Phone: 9845 3841 or 9845 3838.
- **Occasional care:** 5 days a week: 2.00pm to 6.00pm - for children of nursing staff.
- **The Ward Grandparent Scheme** is a service available through the Social Work Department where a trained volunteer can stay with a child three or four days per week when family members are unavailable or a parent needs a break. It may also be possible for a volunteer to stay with your child if you need to leave for a limited time. Please ask nursing staff for more details.

For information about the range of services contact Ms Jill Jenkins, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 9845 3841.

## Volunteers:

- **Ward Volunteers:** Volunteers support families and staff in most wards including Newborn Intensive Care, Middleton Day Surgery and the Recovery Ward.
- **Emergency Department:** General assistance to staff, support for waiting families and help with well siblings are provided in this very busy area of the Hospital.
- **Volunteers Shop:** This is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm, Saturday and Sunday from 9.00am to 3.00pm and sells donated goods to raise money for the Hospital.
- **Trash and Treasure Stall:** This operates weekly, selling donated pre-loved goods.
- **Sibling Care:** This is available to siblings of patients 7 days a week. Monday to Friday 9.00am to 3.30pm, and 10.00am to 2.00pm on weekends.
- **Concierge Service:** a Volunteer accompanies patients from the Enquiries Desk to their destination and/or other locations around the Hospital.
- **Toys:** Volunteers co-ordinate donations and distribution of new and used toys.
- **Clerical Assistance:** Assistance is given with collating documents, large mail-outs and by providing some basic clerical support to a large number of departments throughout the Hospital.
- **Medical Library:** Clerical assistance such as filing, cataloguing and photocopying is provided in the Medical Library.
- **Raffles:** Raffles are a very popular way of helping raise funds for the Hospital.
- **Parents' Food Trolley:** This is a service which gives parents and carers at the bedside access to snacks, magazines and drinks without having to leave their child.
- **Hydrotherapy Pool:** Volunteers act as observers at the poolside.

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Sibling Care](#)

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### Western Child Health Network

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**Location:** Executive Unit, Level 4

The Western Child Health Network (WCHN) is one of three Child Health Networks established by NSW Health to ensure high quality clinical care as close to home for all children, wherever possible.

NSW Health funds each of the Networks and provides enhancement funding for projects on a biennial basis. Each Network is managed by a Coordinator.

The Western Child Health Network is a partnership of the following:

- Sydney West Area Health Service
- Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service
- Sydney South West Area Health Service
- Greater Western Area Health Service
- The Children's Hospital at Westmead

The other Child Health Networks are:

- Greater Eastern and Southern - +61 2 9382 1686
- Northern Child Health Network - +61 2 4939 2106

### Staff

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### Contact Us

Western Child Health Network

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### Western Sydney Genetics Program

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**Location:** Diagnostic Services Building, Level 1

The Western Sydney Genetics Program provides a comprehensive and integrated medical genetics service comprising:

- NSW Biochemical Genetics
- NSW Newborn Screening Program
- Department of Clinical Genetics

- Department of Cytogenetics
- Department of Molecular Genetics
- Genetic Metabolic Diseases
- Academic Department of Medical Genetics

In addition, the Program provides outreach services to the Greater Murray, Central West and Hunter Health Regions, as well as statewide clinical services for Huntington disease, neurofibromatosis, connective tissue dysplasia, phenylketonuria and other inborn errors of metabolism, and statewide laboratory services for newborn screening and biochemical genetics. Moreover, the Clinical Genetics Department and Genetic Metabolic Diseases Service are involved with other departments of the Hospital in providing joint management clinics for patients with limb deficiencies, connective tissue disorders, neuromuscular disorders and Rett syndrome. Geographic catchment and provision varies according to the specific departments.

## Staff

- Prof. John Christodoulou, Director
- Danielle Pfitzner, Business Manager
- Kerry Vallely, Personal Assistant
- Bronwyn Bale, Personal Assistant

See also: [Western Sydney Genetics Program](#)

## Related Services and Clinics

- [Biochemical Genetics](#)
- [Clinical Genetics](#)
- [Connective Tissue Disorders](#)
- [Cytogenetics](#)
- [Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service \(GMDS\)](#)
- [Genetics](#)
- [Genetics Clinics](#)
- [Metabolic Clinic](#)
- [Molecular Genetics](#)
- [Newborn Screening](#)
- [PKU Clinic](#)

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**X-ray**

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