

## Division of Oncology

### About the Division of Oncology

The Division is located in the newly constructed Ned Hanlon Building and the Joyce Tweddell Building which comprises both inpatient and outpatient services utilising every treatment modality currently available in medical and radiation oncology practice as well as haematology and bone marrow transplantation.

The Division provides services to patients from throughout Queensland, Northern New South Wales, Northern Territory and neighbouring South/West Pacific countries.

The Division of Oncology has links with The Prince Charles Hospital Palliative Care Service offering consultations and support for both inpatients and outpatients. The Division also provides the services of an expert ambulatory Clinical Nurse and two Clinical Nurse Consultants who have extensive knowledge and skills in their specialised area of Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology or Haematology.

Inpatient services provide 64 acute care beds within 6A South, a general Oncology ward, and 5C, a specialised haematology/oncology, bone marrow transplant unit that also includes specialised Ionising and Brachytherapy suites.

Outpatient services include 2 outpatient/clinic departments, 3 external beam radiation treatment centres (with a total of 11 Linear Accelerators) and an oncology/haematology day therapy and cell separation (apheresis) unit.

### Wards and Departments

#### Ward 6A South - Medical Oncology/Radiation Oncology

This 30-bed unit provides services to patients receiving chemotherapy and external beam radiation therapy. This ward is the only unit of the Division of Oncology located in the Ned Hanlon Building.

#### Ward 5C - Haematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplantation and Ionising and Brachytherapy Suites

This 34-bed unit is the largest adult bone marrow transplant unit in Queensland. Ward 5C is the only Bone Marrow Transplant unit in Queensland that offers all treatment modalities for adult bone marrow transplantation. This 29 bed unit's usual casemix includes general haematological conditions and oncological haematology cases. Bone marrow techniques utilised include autologous, allogenic and matched unrelated transplantation. Peripheral stem cell procedures are also common practice. 5C also houses 5 specialty suites specially created for Brachytherapy and Ionising radiation therapy. It is currently the only public facility available in Queensland for patients requiring this particular treatment modality.

#### Ambulatory Care Floor Level 4 – Day Therapy Unit and NAOP

The primary function of this unit is to provide services that enable patients to remain in the community whilst receiving treatment. In addition to this, the unit provides chemotherapy services for Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital inpatients (preparation and administration) and cell separation services.

This unit also provides services for patients attending general and /or special clinics, either for initial consultation or for treatment follow-up, for patients receiving chemotherapy and radiation therapy. This area acts as an admission centre for Oncology patients and plays an important role in liaison between community services, medical staff and inpatient areas of the Division.

**Outpatient Services Level 3 - Treatment Floor**

The primary function of this area is to provide care for patients attending initial planning appointments, subsequent daily radiotherapy treatments and weekly progress evaluation visits or further planning (boosts). Treatment is provided in these areas for both inpatients and outpatients.

**Transition Support Program**

All new staff employed in the Division of Oncology are required to complete a Transition Program which commences in orientation and continues for 12 months. The Transition program is run in collaboration with the Preceptors, Nursing Practice Coordinators, Nurse Educator and Nurse Manager.

**The Queensland Haemophilia Centre**

This Centre offers a statewide service to individuals with inherited bleeding disorders. The Centre deals with a wide range of issues including factor replacement therapy, management of blood borne viruses, genetic counselling, psychosocial support and health promotion. The centre also provides advice re clinical management to other health professionals.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/haemophilia/>

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