

MATER'S GP EDUCATION WEEKEND 2014

Saturday 1 November – Sunday 2 November.
Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa

Mater Health Services invites you to join your colleagues for a wonderful spring escape on the Gold Coast as part of its GP Education Weekend at the five star Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa.

The extensive two-day program includes a wide range of topics relevant to general practice, with didactic and interactive sessions designed to improve patient care. Delegates will hear from interesting speakers on neurosurgery, oncology, cardiac medicine, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, dermatology, adolescent health and paediatrics, as well as have the opportunity to attend Mater's Shared Care Alignment Program and the popular Advanced Life Support course.

Not only does the conference provide you with an outstanding education program but also a number of social and networking functions, and it's a great way to gain valuable RACGP points (40 Category 1 points).

Interactive Women's Health Panel

Following the success of the Women's Health session at last year's conference, delegates will again have the opportunity to engage with world-class specialists at a dedicated Women's Health Panel session, which will focus on obstetrics, gynaecology and gynaecologic oncology. You are invited to pre-submit questions for discussion to ashley.nicholson@mater.org.au.



PROGRAM:

Saturday 1 November 2014		
8.30 – 9.00 am	Delegate Registration	
9.00 – 9.10 am	Welcome	
9.10 – 9.30 am	Opening Presentation: Trick or Treat - Food for Thought	
9.30 – 10.10 am	Session 1: Defining the role of primary practice in interpreting sleep studies and identifying a need for therapy	
10.10 – 10.30 am	Session 2: Financial Management	
10.30 – 10.50 am	Morning Tea and Meet the Specialists	
10.50 – 12.10 pm	Session 3: Neurosciences Interactive Session	
12.10 – 12.50 pm	Lunch and Meet the Specialists	
12.50 – 2.10 pm	Concurrent Session 4a Medical Oncology Cancer Surgery	Concurrent Session 4b Cardiac Interventional Cardiac Imaging
2.10 – 2.30 pm	Afternoon Tea and Meet the Specialists	
2.30 – 3.10 pm	Session 5: Pathology	
3.10 – 3.50 pm	Session 6: Orthopaedics	
3.50 – 5.20 pm	Session 7: Women's Health Panel: Your Questions Answered	
7.00 – 10.00 pm	Halloween Cocktail Function	

Sunday 2 November 2014	
8.50 – 9.00 am	Delegates sign in
9.00 – 9.40 am	Session 9: Ophthalmology
9.40 – 10.20 am	Session 10: Dermatology
10.20 – 10.40 am	Morning tea and Meet the Specialists
10.40 – 11.20 am	Session 11: Adolescent Health: A summary of the Mater Adolescent and Young Adult service
11.20 – 1.20 pm	Session 12: Paediatric Interactive Panel
1.20 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
End of conference	

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Full delegate registration \$480 inc GST

- Two-day conference registration (Saturday and Sunday).
- One night accommodation in a hinterland view guest room and breakfast on Sunday.
- Delegate handbook with presentation slides.
- Cocktail function for you and your partner on Saturday evening.
- Parking for the weekend.
- Access to the resort's fitness centre and two tennis courts.
- Wi-Fi access on conference floors.

Day delegate packages available from \$70 inc GST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

To register or for further information please visit www.materonline.org.au/2014 or contact Michael Kent on 07 3163 8623 or michael.kent@mater.org.au.

NEUROSCIENCES TOP OF MIND AT MATER

Mater's proud neurosciences history began in 1954 with the formation of Queensland's first neurosurgery department with Dr Peter Landy as physician and Dr Geoff Toakley as neurosurgeon.

Today, Mater's commitment to neurosurgery is still evident through its adoption of state-of-the-art technology and clinical practices. Some of this sophisticated equipment includes the Medtronic S7 Stealth Digital Navigation System which combines infrared technology and electromagnetic fields for detailed image guidance during spinal fusions, craniotomies, brain biopsies and shunt placement.

Stealth guidance systems, coupled with Mater Private Hospital Brisbane's intraoperative CT scanning capability provide neurosurgeons with detailed 3D images for sophisticated image guidance during surgery. The provision of 'real time' images during surgery enables post-operative CT scans to be taken before the patient leaves the operating theatre.

Innovative clinical procedures such as fluorescence-assisted surgery (see image) for brain tumour resections provide improved health outcomes for patients and further underline Mater's position as one of the most diversely skilled neurosurgical services in Australia.

In 2015, Mater will take another step in the evolution of its neurosciences offering with the opening of Mater Centre for Neurosciences. The Centre, which will be located in the former Mater Children's Hospital building, will provide services for adults, adolescents, and young adults seeking specialised care for neurosurgery, spinal surgery, skullbase surgery, stroke, neurology and epilepsy.



The Centre will be designed to meet the identified needs of the community and will be the first 'Neuroscience Centre of Excellence' in the state and one of only a few in the country.

As Mater strives for the integration of health, education and research, the Mater Centre for Neurosciences will continue this vision through the holistic collaboration of surgeons, nurses, clinical training and research.

Mater Centre for Neurosciences

- Uninsured and private collocated inpatient beds (60 beds in total)
- Neurosciences for adult uninsured patients
- Dedicated stroke unit (7 inpatient beds)
- State wide epilepsy service
- Increased regional linkages

For a list of Mater credentialed neurosurgeons and neurologists visit www.materonline.org.au and click on the 'Specialist Search' tab. Mater online now allows users to print bespoke specialist guides customised to their individual requirements.

MATER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CELEBRATES ITS LAST BIRTHDAY

Mater Children's Hospital celebrated its last birthday in July, before it transitions to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital at the end of 2014.

Mater Children's Hospital birthday party was nothing short of spectacular to celebrate the 83 years of exceptional healthcare it has provided the community.

Mater Children's Hospital has been providing specialist paediatric healthcare services to children throughout Queensland and northern New South Wales since 1931 and has been a second home to many patients with long-term illness.

Each year, more than 15 000 children are cared for as inpatients at Mater Children's Hospital. More than 120 000

children are seen in the outpatient departments and more than 43 000 children receive emergency care.

Mater Health Services Chief Executive Officer Dr John O'Donnell said Mater Children's Hospital is a much-loved part of the Brisbane community.

"While we celebrate Mater Children's Hospital's birthday, we also reflect on the contributions of Mater Children's Hospital to the community during the past 83 years," he said.

"Although Mater Children's Hospital will transition to Lady Cilento Children's Hospital at the end of the year, Mater will continue to provide private paediatric care through Mater Children's Private Hospital."

WHICH DOCTOR?

DR JASON PAPACOSTAS



A Neurosurgeon consultant at Brisbane Clinical Neurosciences Centre (BCNC), Dr Jason Papacostas practices at Mater Private Hospital Brisbane.

After completing his training in neurosurgery, Dr Papacostas undertook further subspecialty training in paediatric neurosurgery in Brisbane before travelling to North America to undertake fellowships in epilepsy surgery and endoscopic skull base surgery at Foothills Hospital, Canada.

Dr Papacostas' special interest areas include minimally invasive skull base surgery, awake cranial neurosurgery and epilepsy surgery. He also specialises in paediatric neurosurgery and has experience in minimally invasive spine surgery.

He is a member of BCNC which provides comprehensive care delivered by an experienced team of specialist doctors and health professionals. Its interdisciplinary team encompasses neurosurgery, neurology, skull base surgery and physiotherapy.

Referrals can be made to Dr Papacostas at:

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Suite 502, Mater Private Clinic
550 Stanley Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101

Telephone: 1300 2262 00
1300 BCNC 00

Facsimile: 07 3163 2829

Website: www.bcmc.com.au

DR DEBORAH SMITH



With a range of special interests, Dr Deborah Smith joined Mater Pathology in July this year as an Anatomical Pathology Specialist.

Dr Smith completed her medical degree at the University of Otago, New Zealand in 1998 and continued to train in anatomical pathology. She became a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists in 2007. Dr Smith then travelled to Toronto, Canada where she completed a Fellowship in Gynaecologic Pathology at the University Hospital Network, focusing on gynaecologic oncological pathology.

Since relocating to Brisbane in 2009, Dr Smith has worked in both private and public settings, gaining experience across a wide variety of pathology. She is actively involved in gynaecologic oncological research with a special interest in uterine neoplasia.

Dr Smith has a strong commitment to teaching and after becoming an Anatomical Pathology Specialist, she organised annual educational events for the New Zealand Anatomical Pathology registrars. She has also been involved in teaching medical students and registrars across a range of other disciplines.

Dr Smith is delighted to join the team at Mater Pathology, with a focus on integrating high quality patient care with clinical research and education.

To contact Dr Smith:

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COLLABORATION ENCOURAGED FOR AMBULATORY AND OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Mater Health Services continues to build on the success of its General Practice Liaison Program and has recently appointed Louise O'Reilly as GP Liaison Coordinator to oversee the initiative.

Over the next 12 months, Ms O'Reilly will work to deliver a program that improves access, reduces wait lists and fosters true collaboration between Mater, primary health providers—in particular general practice—and patients.

Open communication is essential to the program's success and Ms O'Reilly welcomes GPs' feedback, relating to the interface of primary care with Mater's acute services.

This year the program's focus is on better outcomes and experiences for patients by improving efficiency in the

Ambulatory and Outpatients Services. A range of projects and strategies aim to deliver a 10 per cent reduction in long wait lists and a greater number of new public patients gaining access to clinic appointments. Work in this important area will be supported by engaged consultant GPs with an interest in service improvement.

The program is seeking expressions of interest from GPs who wish to provide ideas that will improve the way Mater works with its partners. For more information contact Ms O'Reilly on 0481 002 476 or email louise.o'reilly@mater.org.au.



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MATER PRIVATE HOSPITAL SPRINGFIELD TO TREAT PUBLIC PATIENTS

Mater Private Hospital Springfield (MPHS) will treat 4800 public patients when it opens its doors at the end of 2015.

Minister for Health The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP announced the contract, valued at \$26 million, to enable the West Moreton-Oxley and Metro South Hospital and Health Services to refer local patients for treatment at MPHS—the first hospital for the Greater Springfield region.

Mater Health Services Chief Executive Officer Dr John O'Donnell said Mater had a long-standing relationship with the State Government by providing healthcare to public patients at South Brisbane and it looked forward to continuing this tradition at MPHS.

"Mater's mission has always been to provide healthcare to communities where there is a need and we are delighted to be able to provide exceptional care to the Greater Springfield region," Dr O'Donnell said.

Construction commenced on stage one of MPHS, an 80-bed private hospital and cancer care centre, in April this year.

A new façade for the hospital was unveiled in June this year, showcasing an impressive design to set the scene for the unique healthcare precinct at Springfield Central—Health City.

Mater Health Services released initial artist impressions last year but set a challenge to architects to create a civic design and one that stood out from other healthcare facilities in the state.



Dr O'Donnell said MPHS was the main feature of Health City and the building needed to be a benchmark for the future development planned for the site.

"As MPHS is one of the newest community centred hospitals being built in Queensland, we wanted to create a building that was unique and didn't follow typical conventions of a health facility," Dr O'Donnell said.

Stage one will provide a range of medical and surgical services as well as a combination of inpatient, medical, day and chemotherapy beds to be supported by \$21.4 million in Australian Government funding for a cancer care centre.

Mater has a master plan for the hospital precinct of Health City which incorporates a number of expansion stages designed to meet the growing demands of the region. For more information visit www.mater.org.au/mphs.

MATER PATHOLOGY PRICE LIST

Mater Pathology has created an itemised price list to provide assurance to doctors and their patients of the total costs for non-rebatable pathology tests.

The price list includes costs for the most commonly requested tests performed by Mater Pathology that are not covered by Medicare.

To view the price list visit pathology.mater.org.au and click on 'For Doctors' and 'Price list'.

For any Mater Pathology account enquiries please phone 07 3163 8636 between 8 am and 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday.



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