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Meet the Management Team

There has been some movement in the management team at Skin Cancer Day Surgery over recent months.

Dr David Gill has stepped down as CEO, but will continue to be our Medical Director.

Ms Sepi Weerasinge has taken over the role of CEO and Ms Georgia Barbopoulos has joined our team as the Practice Manager.

Dr Rohan Crouch continues in his role as Director and Robyn Wall as Director of Nursing.

If you would like any further information on our team, please contact Robyn Wall on 9888 3590.

CONSUMER NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2018!

Skin Cancer Day Surgery focuses purely on the diagnosis and management of skin cancer. Appointments for skin checks are always heavily booked, so we recommend you always pre-book your appointment at least 3 months in advance.

Dr Gill sees patients for general skin conditions at his Camberwell rooms, so patients with other skin conditions will be referred there.

Dr Crouch only sees patients for skin cancer related conditions at his rooms here and in Ballarat.

Antibiotic Prescribing

To help prevent the development of current and future bacterial resistance, it is important that antibiotic prescribing is in accordance with the current recommended best practice, such as prescribing antibiotics only when needed.

Antibiotics are not routinely prescribed after Mohs surgery or surgical excision of skin cancers as these procedures are generally considered lower risk. Antibiotics are only prescribed routinely for those patients/procedures that are considered at higher risk.

If you would like to discuss this further, or require more information, please speak with your doctor or the Director of Nursing.



Hand Hygiene Audit Feb 2018

Total Compliance	97%
Doctors	90%
National Data	73.1%
Nursing	100%
National Data	88%

(Source - National Data – Hand Hygiene Australia website, Oct 2017 data)

Changes to the Accreditation Program

Version 2 of the National Safety and Quality in Health Care Service (NSQHS) Standards were released in Dec 2017. Version 2 of the Standards includes criteria specifically relating to Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander health.

If you are of Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander heritage and would like to partner with us, by assisting with our policy development, please contact Robyn Wall, the Director of Nursing on 9888 3590.

Hand hygiene is not just important for hospital care workers. It is also important for patients, family members, carers and visitors.

At home, the patient or whoever may be attending the patient's dressing, should always wash their hands thoroughly before touching the dressing or wound.

When removing dressings, they should wash their hands again after disposing of the dressing materials and before attending to the wound.

When drying a wound after showering, always pat dry with a new clean tissue. Do not use the towel you dry yourself with.

What do you think of our audit results? We would love your feedback.

Daily sunscreen use may cut the melanoma rate

Australia has one of the world's highest rates of melanoma in the world, with an estimated 14,000 people diagnosed with the most serious form of skin cancer during 2017. With melanoma rates on the rise worldwide, the use of sunscreen is more important than ever.

A study conducted by QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute estimated that melanoma cases could fall by up to 34% by 2031 if people applied sunscreen daily, with older Australians potentially the most likely to benefit. (*The Courier January 31, 2018*)

Sunscreens present in an array of different applications, some better than others. Aerosol spray sunscreens have soared in popularity over recent years because they are quick and easy to apply. It has been found that too many people are mis-applying and under-applying these products resulting in uneven coverage resulting in burning.

The better sunscreens contain broad spectrum coverage (UVA and UVB protection), SPF 50+ and should be water resistant. They should also be re-applied regularly. Should you require advice on what type of sunscreen to use, please speak to nursing staff.

There is a brochure available that advises how much sunscreen should be applied to each area on the body. Please ask nursing staff for a copy.