

Breast Care Nurse CO-ORDINATOR

The Breast Care Nurse is a Registered Nurse who specialises in Breast Cancer Nursing.

The Breast Care Nurse provides information, support and continuity of care to people with breast cancer and their family throughout their treatment.

A consumer representative has been involved in the review of this information brochure.

The Breast Care Nurse provides the following service as part of the multidisciplinary care.

- Explains treatment options that have been suggested by your specialist.
- Explains and clarifies pathology results.
- Provides pre and post operative care.
- Provides practical and emotional support to both you and your family.
- Provides information about prosthesis and breast reconstruction.
- Provides you with information about lymphoedema and all aspects of breast cancer care
- Refers you to Breast Cancer Support Services and other Support groups

Your Multidisciplinary Team

A multidisciplinary team is a group of health professionals who meet to discuss all relevant treatment options and develop an individual treatment plan for each breast cancer patient, while taking into account the individual's preferences and circumstances.

Care is provided to you by the following health professionals.

- Radiologists
- Specialist Breast Surgeons
- Plastic & Reconstruction Surgeons
- Medical Oncologists
- Radiation Oncologists
- Breast Care Nurse
- Pathologists
- Social Worker
- Dietician
- Oncology Nurses
- Research Nurses
- Psychologist
- Community Nurses
- Pastoral Care
- Physiotherapist
- Genetic Counselling
- Fertility Counselling

Personal or health information that you may disclose to any member of the team, may be shared amongst the team if pertinent to your treatment, unless you specifically request otherwise. This disclosure of information will also include your GP or referring doctor and Breast screen.

All members of the team and temporarily part of the team are bound by the Health Records and Information Act 2002.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Mater Hospital	9900 7300
Patricia Ritchie Centre for Cancer Care & Research	9900 7640
McAuleyWard	9900 7371
Radiotherapy Dept.	9458 8050
Physiotherapy Dept.	9923 7285
Cancer Care Support and Information	9923 7290
Cancer Council Helpline	131120
My Journey Kit	1800 500 258
ENCORE Program	1800 305 150
Look Good Feel Better	1800 650 960
Lymphoedema Therapist (Poche Centre)	9911 7210

Useful Websites

www.materhospital.com.au

www.nbocc.org.au

www.cancercouncil.com.au

www.cancercare.org.au

www.bcna.org.au

www.bci.org.au

www.lymphoedema.org.au

www.lgfb.org.au

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