

Southland Hospital General Surgery



Southland Hospital is a modern 181-bed secondary level base hospital, which opened in November 2004, in Invercargill City, New Zealand - servicing a population of 107,000.

The department currently consists of 3 consultant surgeons, supported by 5 registrars and a house officer team. We are seeking to appoint a 4th surgeon.

The General Surgery department sees a wide diversity of surgical conditions and we provide a range of surgery including: breast and endocrine; upper and lower gastrointestinal; hepatobiliary and pancreatic; vascular; trauma; and urology. Other services include a Breast Screening Programme, which offers an assessment clinic in conjunction with breast counselling, support service and follow on surgery.

Visiting tertiary services in plastic surgery and genetics complement our service and our tertiary colleagues in Dunedin and Christchurch are accessible and available for consultation and back up once patients return to Southland.

General Surgery services are available on an inpatient, day care and outpatient basis and patients are referred from the emergency department and from other services within the hospital. Outpatient services are provided not only within Invercargill, but also in Queenstown at Lakes District Hospital (2 hour drive), Te Anau Medical Clinic (just under 2 hours drive) and Gore Hospital (45 minute drive).



Southland Hospital's theatre suite offers four spacious, modern and well equipped theatres. A modern endoscopy and colonoscopy suite is co-located within the theatres suite.



State-of-the-art technology includes PACS digital radiology along with the recently commissioned i.PM electronic patient administration system. The radiology department has a modern 1.5T MRI Scanner, 16-slice CT Scanner alongside X-Ray, Ultrasound and Nuclear Medicine capabilities. There is some access to interventional radiology and ERCP, which is not available in most provincial hospitals.



The Radiology team provides excellent support to the General Surgery team, with Radiologists readily available to discuss patient cases. The on-

site pathology laboratory offers a full range of services in haematology, microbiology, biochemistry and histology.



There is good liaison and collegiality within the surgical division, where a relaxed and informal approach ensures easy access to clinical leaders and management. Similarly, General Surgery enjoys good relationships with the emergency department, surgical ward and theatre team. We have an excellent critical care unit with very knowledgeable and approachable staff. It is usually possible to get access to any of the six ventilated beds when required.

Theatre nursing staff are keen to support surgeons in developing their surgery and ensure you have the tools and equipment you need. On the ward, strong nursing leadership ensures patients are well looked after.



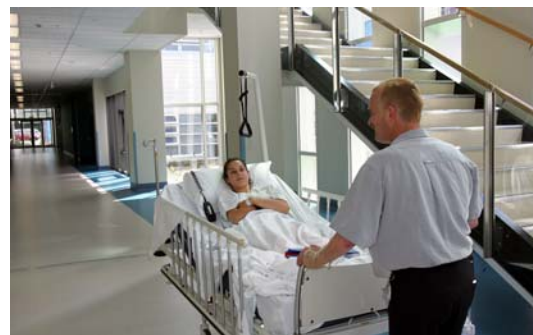
Southland Hospital is a teaching hospital supporting the University of Otago's Dunedin School of Medicine. The Surgical division teaches at all levels including 4th Year Medical Students, final year students, House Officers and Registrars. Our surgical training programme is accredited by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) for Surgical Education and Training (SET) 1 and SET 2 – to obtain operative experience and to develop independent responsibility in the pre and post care of surgical patients.



The General Surgeons fully participate in the teaching programme and offer students the teaching and skills they need to equip them for their medical careers. Southland Hospital conducts a variety of education opportunities ranging from grand rounds to journal clubs and all staff have 24-hour access to a supportive on-site health science library.



There is also every opportunity for consultants to do private work in Southland. The Southern Cross private hospital in Invercargill offers modern facilities for routine elective work.



Contact us with your questions

>> Jan Jenkins, Senior Medical Officer Recruitment
email: jan.jenkins@sdhb.govt.nz

>> Natalie Barrett, Resident Medical Officer Recruitment
email: natalie.barrett@sdhb.govt.nz

Telephone: +64 3 218 1949

Website: www.sdhb.govt.nz