

New home for State burns service

Fiona Stanley Hospital will be the new home of Western Australia's adult burns service. Patients with burns and other conditions resulting in areas of skin loss will be treated in a new facility by the State's internationally renowned specialist burns team.

The state-of-the-art service will include 10 beds and will provide comprehensive burns services to patients from across the State. It will include research facilities, treatment clinics, rehabilitation services, and facilities for undergoing minor procedures.

The new burns service at Fiona Stanley Hospital will provide:

- a well-designed and integrated service, offering patients improved access to the specialist expertise of the burns unit team;
- a seamless transition from hospital to the home through its programs and clinics, resulting in shorter hospital stays and increased patient satisfaction;
- improved infection control through private rooms with ensembles and custom designed air-filtration systems;
- modern room design and good access to natural light;
- improved facilities for minor surgical and non-surgical procedures;
- private meeting rooms;
- visitor waiting areas;
- improved telehealth facilities for burns consultation and education services to rural and remote areas;
- increased surge capacity for use in disaster or overflow situations, such as the 2002 Bali bombings;
- improved links between health, education and research; and
- continued links to organisations such as the McComb Research Foundation – a facility for research into tissue engineering at Bentley.

The burns service will be well located within the main hospital building, with excellent access and links to other hospital services, including direct lift access to the Emergency Department, Medical Imaging Unit, Intensive Care Unit, Operating Suite and helipad.

The service will also be well placed to take advantage of new treatment techniques including advances in resuscitation, early skin grafting, new wound products to improve healing, and specialised therapy.

It is expected the burns service will treat up to 275 inpatients and 3500 outpatients each year. Children will continue to be treated at Princess Margaret Hospital.

Until the completion of the Fiona Stanley Hospital, burns care will continue to be provided from the Royal Perth Hospital Burns Unit.

"The Fiona Stanley Hospital will be more advanced than any hospital we have seen in WA before. It will be a central hub of excellence enabling collaboration between the areas of health, education and research. In my area of speciality – burns – our current facilities cannot compare with the state-of-the-art facilities possible in a new top-line hospital."



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