

# Major trauma centre for the south

When it opens in 2014, Fiona Stanley Hospital will be home to a major adult trauma centre.

The trauma resources and expertise at Fiona Stanley Hospital will mean patients will receive the highest level of care from some of WA's most experienced health professionals – all within a purpose-built facility with the latest cutting-edge technology.

Each year thousands of Western Australians are treated in our hospitals for a range of serious injuries and major trauma. Almost half of Western Australia's major trauma cases occur on our roads – motor vehicle or motor bike accidents predominate – and almost one in two of these patients require intensive care.

Fiona Stanley Hospital trauma services will give a coordinated approach to the management of major trauma patients. The multi-disciplinary acute care trauma team includes specialists from:

- general surgery;
- orthopaedics;
- plastics;
- burns;
- neurosurgery;
- cardiothoracics;
- emergency medicine;
- anaesthetics; and
- intensive care.

The trauma unit at Fiona Stanley Hospital will be capable of managing acute multi-trauma patients. It will provide care for patients with complex or multiple injuries, such as those involved in major road accidents.

## Better design for improved care

The design of the Fiona Stanley Hospital will see improved integration of important services.

The trauma unit will have excellent round-the-clock access to support facilities including pathology, medical imaging and operating rooms.

Its proximity to both the Emergency Department and the Intensive Care Unit has been an important part of the design of the Fiona Stanley Hospital trauma unit. The Operative Suite will be located adjacent to the Intensive Care Unit – a vital step in ensuring more appropriate and faster care is provided at critical times.

Fast lift access will be available from the Emergency Department, which will provide prompt assessment, resuscitation and stabilisation of seriously injured patients while arranging transfer to the trauma unit.

## Quick and easy access for trauma patients

Given most trauma cases arrive by ambulance, the Royal Flying Doctor Service or helicopter, the Fiona Stanley Hospital's highly accessible location at Murdoch is a real advantage.

Its location offers excellent road access, including the Kwinana Freeway which is the major north/south access route for the metropolitan area, and Roe Highway which provides excellent connections to the eastern suburbs of Perth.

There will also be a rooftop helipad on the Fiona Stanley Hospital site, which is also only minutes from Jandakot Airport for major trauma and other emergencies from outside the metropolitan area.

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