The Gynaecological Cancer Centre at The Royal Hospital for Women is available to all women with gynaecological cancer. The most common cancers are those arising from the ovaries, uterus and cervix. Less common cancers are those arising from the fallopian tubes, placenta, vagina and vulva.

During your stay at RHW, you will be under the care of a team of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals. Most members of team have undertaken further training in cancer treatment and care, to meet the varied needs of patients.

**During your stay, some of the medical and allied health professionals you will be meeting include:**

**Gynaecological Oncologists:**
They are fully qualified specialists in the management of gynaecological cancer.

**Director:**  Professor Neville Hacker  
**Staff Specialist:**  Dr. Greg Robertson  
**Staff Specialist:**  Dr. Rhonda Farrell

**Gynaecological Oncology Fellows:**
They are gynaecologists, many of whom are from overseas, who are completing sub-specialist training in the treatment of gynaecological cancer at RHW.

**Current Gynaecology Fellows:**
Dr Viola Heinzelmann-Schwarz  
Dr Jegajeeva Rao

**Registrars:**
They are Doctors training to become specialists.

**Resident Medical Officers:**
They are Doctors who are doing some general training rotations prior to deciding whether or not to undertake specialist training.
Consultant physicians in Palliative Medicine:
No longer is a palliative specialist regarded simply as a Doctor who only treats those patients with an incurable disease. Nowadays it is more common for them to deal with symptoms caused by cancer, such as pain, vomiting and constipation. If you have significant symptoms you may find that the palliative specialist or their registrar becomes involved in your care from the time of your diagnosis.

Senior Physician:

Consultant in Medical Oncology:
Professor Michael Friedlander

Physiotherapists:
They will visit you both pre-operatively in the preadmission unit, and post-operatively on the ward. They will provide you with information regarding breathing and mobilisation exercises that you will use after your surgery. You will be visited daily until you are mobile and independent.

Psychologist:
The Gynaecological Cancer Care Centre has its own psychologist who is available to counsel and advise you, your family and your friends during this often very traumatic time. The psychologist is also available for ongoing follow-up counselling if needed.
Psychologist: Rosalind Robertson.

Nursing Staff:
Macquarie Ward: During your stay in hospital, you will be cared for by nurses who have a recognised expertise in the care of women with cancer. Many of who have completed extra training in oncology, wound care and women’s health, ensuring comprehensive care for the duration of your stay.
Nurse unit Manager: Sally Watts

The Chemotherapy Clinic: Specially trained nurses who work closely with the medical oncologists in organising each of your treatments. They administer the chemo and monitor the effects.

The Outpatient Clinic: Nurses working closely with the gynaecological oncologists who will assist you during your outpatient visits.
Important Telephone Numbers

• Director
  Prof. Neville Hacker: MD. FRACOG. FRCOG. FACOG. FACS. CGO.
  Contact via his secretary: 9382 6290.

• Staff Specialist
  Dr. Greg Robertson: MBBS. MRCOG. FRACOG. CGO.
  Contact via his secretary: 9382 6291.

• Staff Specialist
  Dr. Rhonda Farrell
  Contact via her secretary: 9382 6291.

• Director of Preinvasive Disease
  Dr. Michael Campion:
  Contact via the Colposcopy Clinic: 9382 6240.

• Psychologist
  Rosalind Robertson: MAPsS.
  PH: 9382 6230.

• Social Work
  Margaret Sharland
  PH: 9382 6697

• Nursing Unit Manager
  Sally Watts: NUM RN. CNS. Stomal therapist
  PH: 9382 6297.

• Clinical Nurse Consultants
  Dr Mary Ryan: Phd. RN. BN. CM. Onc Nurse Cert.
  Jennie Duggan: RN, STN, Onc Nurse Cert. Stomal Therapist
  PH: 9382 6229.

• Clinical Nurse Specialist
  Ellen Barlow: RN BN.
  PH: 9382 6184.

• Clinic Nurses
  PH: 9382 6235
IN-PATIENT INFORMATION

What to bring to Hospital:

- Nightwear
- Dressing gown & slippers
- Toiletries
- Face washers (if you wish)
- Medicare card and or private health insurance details
- Small amounts of money
- If needed, reading glasses / hearing aid / dentures and the appropriate storage containers
- Earphones for compact disc players or earplugs
- Reading material – books / magazines
- If needed, a hairdryer, but this will require electrical testing before use
- Comfortable clothes for the day you are discharged
- Postage stamps in case you feel like writing a letter

What not to bring to Hospital:

- Valuables and jewellery
- Large amounts of money
- Large portable radio players
- Portable television sets
- Video players
- Bath towels

- A compact disc / radio / cassette player is located beside each bed, and may be used free of charge.

- Personal CD’s and tapes may be brought in and played, however the hospital will accept no responsibility for loss or damage.
SOME USEFUL INFORMATION

Cancer Research
The gynaecological cancer centre maintains a database, which contains information on each patient’s disease and the treatments given. This data is used by the doctors of the unit for clinical research and review. At no time are patients personally identified in these studies. You may be asked to sign a consent form allowing us to use your information.

Research into Gynaecological Cancer:
In addition to the clinical research relating to treatment of all gynaecological cancers, a collaboration between the Royal Hospital for Women and the Garvan Medical Research Institute is conducting laboratory research to determine which genes are abnormal in patients with ovarian cancer. It is hoped to be able to develop a blood test, which can be used to screen healthy women for this disease.

Funding for all of this research comes partly from government agencies and partly from the Gynaecological Oncology (GO) fund. If you would like to know more about the GO fund or help in any way, please fill out the form attached to the back of this document or phone Carmen Duncan, the Fund Raising Co-ordinator on 9382 6283.

Parking
A four level car park is located underneath RHW, servicing the whole complex. The car park is accessible from Barker St and is privately run by Metro Parking. There is a fee for using the car park, payable as you are leaving. Concession rates are available to frequent visitors who wish purchase a five day / 24 hour pass.

i) Visitors / outpatients who visit the hospital campus daily are entitled to a pass which enables them multiple accesses to the car park, for 5 consecutive days. This can be purchased at the metro parking office, located on level B1 of the car park.

ii) Financially disadvantaged visitors / outpatients are entitled to a discounted pass allowing multiple accesses for 5 consecutive days. This discount will only be available to persons who are visiting chronically ill patients who require daily treatment, and would be financially disadvantaged by payment of the normal concession rates. Applications for this rate need to be accompanied by a brief statement from a relevant health worker explaining why this concession is required. Application forms are also available from the parking office located on level B1.
There will be no refund on any unused part of either pass.
As parking rates change, you will need to find out charges from metro parking.

Visiting Hours
Visiting hours are officially from 10:00am till 8:00pm.

Interpreters
There is a 24hr telephone interpreter service available at no cost to you. Also face to face interpreters are also regularly used. If an interpreter is required please ask for assistance.

Telephone Enquiries
Telephone enquiries can be made by calling Macquarie ward on 9382 6298 or 9382 6299. Please nominate only one person to enquire after you.

Telephones
PUBLIC TELEPHONES: There is one public telephone located in the foyer opposite the main lifts on level 2. Additional public telephones can be found throughout the hospital.
PATIENT TELEPHONES: Bedside telephones are leased through HOS-TEL telephone and television service.

Television
Television sets (with remote controls) are supplied at a rental fee via HOS-TEL.

A HOS-TEL instruction pamphlet is available upon request from the Macquarie ward staff.

Patients Lounge Room
The patients lounge room is equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, a fridge and a television. The facilities are available for you and your family.

Washing Machine and Clothes Dryer
These are, unfortunately, no longer available.

Mail Service
A daily outgoing and incoming mail service is provided.

Chaplain’s / Ministers/Religious persons
Visits can be arranged upon request.
Social Workers
Please ask for assistance if needed.

Coffee Shops / Light Meals
These are located:
Ground floor, RHW, adjacent to the baby gift shop.
Ground floor, Prince of Wales Hospital.
Ground floor, Sydney Children’s Hospital.
Level 7, Prince of Wales Private Hospital

Financial and Travel Accommodation Assistance
Benefits for financial travel and accommodation assistance are available to inpatients and outpatients who are required to travel more then 100kms from Sydney in the state of NSW. The applicant must be a resident of NSW. It is also available for their partners if an escort is available. A patient contribution fee is deducted from travel costs for each claim. Application forms are available from your “country” referring doctor (usually your local GP), the social work department or the ward clerk.
This scheme is known as IPTAAS. To find out more information contact your local IPTAAS office.
ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Unfortunately, our on-site hospital accommodation has been closed.

LOCAL HOTELS AND MOTELS

Many local hotels and motels offer special “Hospital” rates for relatives. Please enquire when booking.

ADDISON’S ON ANZAC
147 Anzac Parade Kensington, Tel: 9663 0600
Single $100.00, Double for $110.00, Studio Apartments with balcony $125.00. Family room $145.00

BONDI LODGE
63 Fletcher Street, Bondi, Tel: 93652088
Rates begin at $60.00 Single, breakfast not included.

THE CENTRE
14 Frances Street, Randwick, Tel: 93982211
Bed and breakfast accommodation, rates from $50.00- $110.00

COOGEE SANDS MOTOR INN
161 Dolphin Street, Coogee, Tel:9665 8588
Single, Double and Twin for $150.00. breakfast starts at $15.00.

HIGH CROSS PARK LODGE
7-9 Cuthill Street, Randwick, Tel: 9314 5553
From $95.00 per night, Single, Double, twin and Family style accommodation

ECCLESBOURNE
17 Ocean Avenue Double Bay, Tel: 9363 2430
For relatives of cancer patients.
Bed and breakfast from $33.00-$45.00 per person per night, approximately, double rooms are $60- $70.00 per night.

GEMINI HOTEL
65 Belmore Road, Randwick, Tel: 93999011
Rates are single $122, double $134, twin $134 includes full breakfast for all.

RANDWICK LODGE
211 Avoca Street, Randwick, Tel: 9310 0700
Rates vary according to number of adults/children

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ROYAL HOTEL
Cnr Perouse Road & Cuthill Street, Randwick, Tel: 9399 3006
Rates begin $77.00 single - $88.00 double (share bathroom)

YWCA
5 Wentworth Avenue, Darlinghurst, Tel: 9264 2451
Rates begin at $75.00 - $130.00 share bathroom or ensuite. Maximum stay 21 days

SERVICED APARTMENTS
The Park Agency – Coogee – 9315 7777. $850 upwards per week.
Avoca Lodge – Randwick – 9399 7779 – $595 twin, $665 double per week

IPTAAS/IPTAS

If you have been referred to a specialist at Royal Hospital for Women and have travelled 100 km or more, you may be eligible for some reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs.

Please ask the ward clerk or social worker for the information sheet on IPTAAS, the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Allowance Scheme from NSW Health, or IPTAS from ACT Health.
Secure underground parking is available for staff, patients and relatives. Entry to the car park is from Barker Street, via the ramp at the top of the main driveway in the hospital campus. The car park is operated by Metro Parking: phone 9382 3400

What are the parking fees?

Fees for parking are collected at the toll booth on exit from the car park, level B1. The rates are $2.60 for each 30 minutes, up to a maximum of $15 per 24 hours.

Can I claim any special rate?

Perhaps you or your family anticipate a longer stay at the hospital, while you have surgery or daily treatment. You may like to consider purchasing a 5 day pass at a fee of $45 which will give you unlimited access for a 5 day period. You can buy this pass at the Metro desk on level B1.

Are there any concessional rates?

Yes,
- if you are receiving a Centrelink benefit,
- if you are experiencing significant financial hardship eg because of a long hospitalisation.

How can I apply for this concessional rate?

- If you are receiving a benefit: please ask your ward clerk or Admissions staff for a copy of Part 1 of the application form. This asks for registration details of the car. Please take Part 1 and your Centrelink benefit card to the Department of Social Work on level 3. The secretary will take details of your card and fax the forms to Metro Parking. Approval will be given within 24 hours.

- If you are applying on grounds of financial hardship: please ask your ward clerk for a copy of Part 1 of the application form, which asks for registration details of your car. Please discuss part 2 with your social worker. Metro Parking requires details of your income and the hardship you are experiencing. The secretary at the Department of Social Work will fax both forms to Metro parking for consideration, and they will assess your application over a 5 day period. Metro advise you to take advantage of the less expensive 5 day pass ($45) for your first 5 days at the hospital.

The Social Work Department is not notified about the outcome of any applications, so unfortunately we cannot help you with any enquiries. Please ask at the Metro desk for the progress of your request.