UROLOGY MATTERS:
Brisbane Urology Clinic Symposium

Brisbane Urology Clinic was delighted to host their first full day Urology CPD in February at the Chancellor on the Park.

Judging from the feedback received and from the overwhelming support from our sponsors this day was a resounding success. The event was booked out months beforehand, with seats for 120, and 95 GP’s turning up on the day itself. GP’s mostly came from Brisbane, but Rockhampton, Bundaberg and Caboolture GP’s all attended.

Feedback from the attendees was an average of 80% attendees thought the presentations were excellent, with an overall score of 95% for the quality of the presentations. “Probably one of the best courses I have been to... excellent presentations, well organised and good handouts. (Plus bonus to have good coffee to help). Good topics...” and “Well above expectations. The presentations were well directed, interesting, and relevant to General Practice. The speakers were enthusiastic, knowledgeable and eager to answer questions.” Are just a few of the many positive comments about this day.

The clinicians of Brisbane Urology Clinic presented 12 different sessions with topics which ranged from PSA Screening, The Role of MRI in Prostate Cancer, and Erectile Dysfunction, to Male and Female Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms and Treatment.

Thanks to honoured guests such as Dr David Grimes (Medical Oncologist), Dr Mathew Bastian-Jordan (Radiologist with a special interest in prostate MRI) and Jason Crowe (Men’s Health Physiotherapist), all aspects of urology care were catered for.
1. A digital rectal examination (DRE) which is suspicious for prostate cancer; or
2. In a person aged less than 70 years, whose risk of developing prostate cancer based on:
   a) the patient is under active surveillance following biopsy histopathology; and
   b) the patient is not planning or undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.
3. In a person aged less than 70 years, whose risk of developing prostate cancer based on:
   a) the patient is under active surveillance following a confirmed diagnosis of prostate cancer by biopsy histopathology; and
   b) the patient is not planning or undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.
4. In a person aged 70 years or older, at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months are greater than 5.5 ng/ml and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%.

Scan of the prostate for:
- detection of cancer (R)
- biopsy histopathology; and
- a confirmed diagnosis of prostate cancer by biopsy histopathology; and
- the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%.

Fee: $450.00 (incl contrast)
[Relevant explanatory notes]

Note: Benefits are payable on one occasion only in any 12 month period.

Brisbane Urology Clinic is pleased to announce Dr Tim Smith will be joining Brisbane Urology Clinic in September 2018, having recently returned from a robotic surgery fellowship in the United Kingdom.

After completing his training, he undertook a sub-speciality fellowship in robotic surgery at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, England. Tim’s sub-speciality training included robotic surgery for prostate, bladder and kidney cancer, with a focus on the novel ‘retzius sparing’ approach to robotic radical prostatectomy.

In addition to general urology, Tim has speciality interests in diagnosis and management of prostate, bladder and kidney cancer, and benign diseases of the prostate. He will be available for consultation at Wickham Terrace, Westside Private Hospital, and in Bundaberg (from November 2018).

Dr Jason Paterdis
Consultant Urologist
FRACS (Uro), MBBS, BApSc (Med Sc)

Brisbane Urology Clinic welcomed the Federal Government’s announcement in May introducing a Medicare rebate for multiparametric MRIs (mpMRI) for patients with prostate cancer. The rebates have been available since July 1st 2018.

The introduction of a rebate for mpMRI of the prostate will make this sophisticated technology more available to patients offering improved accuracy in diagnosis and management of prostate cancer.

Eligibility requirements must be met and be requested by Urologist, Radiation Oncologist or Medical Oncologist.

The eligibility guidelines are as follows:

**DIAGNOSIS ITEM NUMBER MBS 63541**

Multiparametric Magnetic Resonance Imaging (mpMRI) using a standardised image acquisition protocol involving T2 weighted imaging, Diffusion Weighted Imaging, and Dynamic Contrast Enhancement (unless contraindicated); and performed under the professional supervision of an eligible provider at an eligible location; where the patient is referred by an urologist, radiation oncologist, or medical oncologist; and the request specifies that the clinical criteria below are met; and the patient is suspected of having prostate cancer based on:

1. A digital rectal examination (DRE) which is suspicious for prostate cancer; or
2. In a person aged less than 70 years, at least two prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months are greater than 3.0 ng/ml, and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25% or the repeat PSA exceeds 5.5 ng/ml; or
3. In a person aged less than 70 years, whose risk of developing prostate cancer based on family history is at least double the average risk, at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months are greater than 2.0 ng/ml, and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%; or
4. In a person aged 70 years or older, at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months are greater than 5.5 ng/ml and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%.

Scan of the prostate for:
- assessment of cancer (R)
- biopsy histopathology; and
- a confirmed diagnosis of prostate cancer by biopsy histopathology; and
- the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%.

Fee: $450.00 (incl contrast)
[Relevant explanatory notes]

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**ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE ITEM NUMBER MBS 63543**

Multiparametric Magnetic Resonance Imaging (mpMRI) using a standardised image acquisition protocol involving T2 weighted imaging, Diffusion Weighted Imaging, and Dynamic Contrast Enhancement (unless contraindicated); and performed under the professional supervision of an eligible provider at an eligible location; where the patient is referred by an urologist, radiation oncologist, or medical oncologist; and the request specifies that the clinical criteria below are met:

a) the patient is under active surveillance following a confirmed diagnosis of prostate cancer by biopsy histopathology; and
b) the patient is not planning or undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

Scan of the prostate for:
- assessment of cancer (R)
- biopsy histopathology; and
- a confirmed diagnosis of prostate cancer by biopsy histopathology; and
- the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%.

Fee: $450.00 (incl contrast)
[Relevant explanatory notes]

Note: Benefits are payable on one occasion only in any 12 month period.

**Eligibility requirements must be met and be requested by Urologist, Radiation Oncologist or Medical Oncologist.**

Follow the below link for locations of fully and partially eligible sites.


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**NEW DOCTOR – Dr Jason Paterdis**

Dr Jason Paterdis has a strong governance model, within which we have an appointed Managing Director. We would like to announce Dr Jason Paterdis as our new Managing Director, and also to thank the outgoing Managing Director Dr Greg Malone who has tirelessly and voluntarily headed up our clinic during the last 2 years.

While having trained in all areas of general urology Jason has sub-speciality fellowship training in robotic surgery, with a particular focus on minimally invasive urological oncology. Jason will be busy indeed as he consults exclusively at our two main rooms in Wickham Terrace, Wellers Hill Medical Centre and has a growing practice in Bundaberg. Along with his private practice, Jason is also the Director of Urology and consultative surgeon at the Queens Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital.

Jason is also an associate lecturer with University of Queensland and is heavily involved in ongoing teaching, training and development of medical students and doctors.