

Riverina Day Surgery & Wagga Endoscopy Centre are merging



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Riverina Day Surgery and Wagga Endoscopy Centre have amalgamated to provide an integrated service that better serves our patient's healthcare needs. The merger of the two facilities will ensure our ability to improve operational efficiencies and streamline the exceptional patient care that both our day hospitals provide.

From 2nd December, Dr Vince Fernon, Dr Lindsay Chow and their locum Gastroenterologists will admit their patients to Riverina Day Surgery, however the consulting rooms at Best Street will remain open for appointments.

During this transition period, our priority will be to minimise any disruptions and ensure continuity of care for patients and a smooth transition for our Specialists and referring Doctors.

Referrals to Dr Fernon and Dr Chow remain the same i.e. by your normal referral process to Wagga Endoscopy. Bookings for the procedure will be arranged from the consulting rooms.

Referrals to RDS thus RDS Specialists participating in Direct Access Program can be done:

(1): by your normal IT program referral with added notes for indications

(2) Via a downloadable RDS referral available from MPHNS that will load into your IT program (Medical Director or Best Practice) for easy drop down referral. you will find this here: <https://mphn.org.au/templates#MPHN> spec.

Please do not hesitate to contact our friendly reception team by phone or email for a quote or advice at any time.

RDS Phone: 6925 6256

WEC Phone: 6921 2711

Changes to MBS Item Numbers

Be aware of the new colonoscopy item numbers effective November 1st - does your patient fit into an item number category that will be recognised? A guide to the item numbers and the NHMRC Guidelines for Surveillance are provided to you as a laminated flyer for your convenience.

Eight new colonoscopy items will be added to MBS to replace the four current MBS items:

NEW: 32222, 32223, 32224, 32225, 32226, 32227, 32228, and 32229

DELETED: 32088, 32089, 32090, 32093

Specialists participating in Direct Access Program at Riverina Day Surgery are:

Dr Henry Hicks (Colorectal Surgeon)

Dr Richard Harrison (Upper GI Surgeon)

Dr Nick Williams (Upper GI Surgeon)

Dr David Littlejohn (General Surgeon)

Dr Michael Payne (General Surgeon)

Dr Andrew Thompson (General Surgeon)

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