

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Department Medical Services Group

About the department

The Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital offers a dynamic training experience in a newly built hospital on the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

We pride ourselves on delivering a superb training experience with supportive consultants in a state-of-the-art, tertiary facility.

In addition to general gastroenterology and hepatology clinics we offer specialist clinics in inflammatory bowel disease, intestinal ultrasound, interventional endoscopy and advanced hepatology including liver transplant and systemic therapy of hepatocellular carcinoma.

The endoscopy unit delivers over 10,000 procedures per year with brand new Olympus scopes on the Endoaid AI platform. Three rooms are equipped with scope-guide for training. Therapeutic and interventional endoscopy provision comprises ERCP including Spyglass, EUS, EMR of large polyps, single balloon and spiral enteroscopy. There is a busy capsule endoscopy service. There are ample opportunities for endoscopy training for the ATs and PHO.

The hepatology service has particular expertise in portal hypertension and HCC. All systemic therapy for HCC is under the care of the Hepatology department. The interventional radiology service provides TACE, Microwave ablation, TIPS and portosystemic shunt embolization for refractory hepatic encephalopathy.

There is an active research portfolio of both commercial and investigator-led studies in hepatology and IBD. Trainees are encouraged and supported in developing their research skills.

Luminal, interventional endoscopy and hepatology inpatients are managed by a three consultant-led teams on a dedicated ward. Two ATs and a PHO are attached to these teams on a 4-month rotational basis. There are usually 5-10 Hepatology, 5-10 luminal and less than 5 interventional inpatients. About three consults will be seen by each team per day. The ward has a 2-bay ambulatory care unit for day case paracenteses, infusions and rapid reviews of recently discharged patients.

The team and their specialty

Full-time staff:

Dr Des Patrick	IBD/Gastro
Dr Zab Samidurai	IBD/Gastro
Dr Felicity Hartnell	IBD/Gastro/Hep
Dr Andrew Sloss	Gastro/IBD/Hep
Dr Angela Cropley	Gastro/IBD/Hep
Professor James O'Beirne	Hepatology
Dr Tehara Wickremeratne	Hepatology
Dr Rohit Gupta	Hepatology.



Part-time staff:

Dr Vikas Gupta	Interventional endoscopy
Dr Chris Kia	Interventional endoscopy
Dr Lauren White	IBD.

VMOs:

Dr Dawid Smalberger
Dr Shiraz Hassen.

Our junior team:

Advanced trainee 1st year
Advanced trainee 2nd year
PHO (shares AT duties including endoscopy commitment)
Interventional endoscopy fellow
IBD or Hepatology fellow – currently vacant
Registrar
Resident
Intern.

On-call:

The Fellow, ATs and PHO participate in the on-call for GE emergencies with Consultant support (1:5 evenings and weekends).

Nursing support staff:

3 x Hepatology nurses (CNC, HCC nurse, CN)
4 x IBD nurses.

Education sessions:

Weekly Gastroenterology and Hepatology Journal Club
Bi-weekly histology meeting
Weekly Hepatobiliary MDT
Weekly IBD inpatient meeting
Monthly Gastroenterology MDT
Gastroenterology and Hepatology M&M Meeting
Participate in Grand rounds
Participate in SCUH Case Review.

Further information

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