Respiratory

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The respiratory unit is a 24 bed inpatient unit caring for a range of complex respiratory and pulmonary disorders, including cystic fibrosis. Within the unit there is a dedicated High Care Unit (RHCU) which contains 6 beds within the 24 bed unit. The unit provides non-invasive monitoring, as well as cardiac monitoring.

Learning Opportunities

- Chest drain management
- Oxygen therapy
- Home oxygen planning
- Non-invasive ventilation
- Cardiac monitoring
- Smoking cessation
- Humidified oxygen therapy
- Inhaler assessment and education
- Cystic fibrosis specialised care
- Pain control analgesia (PCA)
- Asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Peripheral inserted central catheter (PICC), central venous line (CVL) and portacath care
- Phlebotomy and cannulation
- Tracheostomy care and management

Professional Opportunities

- Respiratory clinical nurse consultant
- Clinical leadership management program
- Preceptorship
- Secondment opportunities to other roles
- Team leader
- Research and quality projects
- Portfolio management



Educational Resources

- Leadership
- Mentoring
- RHCU Clinical Care Consultants
- Clinical facilitator and educator
- Preceptor programs
- Graduate transition support
- Clinical skills assessments (CSATS)
- Weekly journal club
- Daily inservices



