

Tissue Pathology & Diagnostic Oncology Department opens at RPA



Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital's \$940 million redevelopment has passed a key milestone with Health Minister Ryan Park officially opening the new Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology building.

The state-of-the-art refurbishment was one of the first elements of the redevelopment to be completed and includes new laboratory spaces, enhancements to major medical equipment and a new reticulated chemical system that reduces manual handling of chemical solutions.

Staff who have moved into the new building say the bright new space better meets their working needs. The move of the Cytology team into the building has also enabled a more cohesive and efficient operation.

The refurbished building on Missenden Road was completed through a collaboration between Health Infrastructure, Sydney Local Health District and NSW Health Pathology.

Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Dr Teresa Anderson AM said the new Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology building was an outstanding outcome of a wonderful partnership between the three services.

Dr Anderson praised their "seamless integration" in delivering such an important facility.

NSW Health Pathology chief executive Vanessa Janissen said the benefits of the new space would be "life-changing for the people we care for in our community" and for the staff working in the building.

Mr Park said the new facility would be considered a benchmark for future upgrades to pathology services across NSW.

Mr Park also praised the team that coordinated the move from the old Anatomical Pathology building, saying expert planning allowed staff to process specimens on the day of the main relocation of laboratories.

"The new equipment and systems mean there is increased capacity for making urgent initial diagnoses," he said.

"New technology means that staff can present real-time microscope displays through an integrated audio-visual system, enabling remote training presentations and review of slides with clinical stakeholders including surgeons in live cases."

Health Minister, Ryan Park MP

Key features of the new space:

- New laboratory spaces with enhancements to current major medical equipment
- Laboratory specific systems and services to support and facilitate operations
- Specialist temperature management systems
- A new cool room, reticulated chemical system, and specialist dangerous goods store



RPA HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT INTEGRATED PROJECT TEAM AT OFFICIAL OPENING

What is Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology?

Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology is a diagnostic branch of medicine that involves the study of body organs and tissues. The department is crucial in determining the cause and effect of diseases, assisting with prognosis and treatment. Taking samples of tissue cells from patients, the laboratory aids in giving definitive diagnosis, and allows clinicians to give the most appropriate advice and treatment to their patients. The TP&DO pathologists diagnose disease using their extensive knowledge and experience and by examining specimens macroscopically and microscopically








View the TP&DO event video here.



HEALTH MINISTER RYAN PARK TOURING THE NEW DEPARTMENT

The NSW Government has committed \$940 million to the redevelopment of Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital which is the most significant investment in RPA's 140-year history.

When complete, the RPA Redevelopment will deliver:

 <p>Expanded and enhanced Emergency Department and Intensive Care Units</p>	 <p>State-of-the-art operating theatres</p>	 <p>Expanded and improved adult inpatient ward accommodation</p>	 <p>Increased interventional and imaging services</p>	 <p>Expanded neonatology services</p>	 <p>Improved roads, signage and landscaping throughout the hospital campus</p>	 <p>A new open garden courtyard</p>
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Main works contractor awarded

The RPA redevelopment is on track to deliver first-class health services with the appointment of the main works contractor CPB Contractors.

CPB Contractors has developed a strong reputation for its expertise in delivering successful projects including the redevelopment of Campbelltown and Nepean hospitals.

Their expert team will draw on their considerable experience for their design and planning role at RPA.

This is the most significant investment in RPA's 140-year history to support the world-leading services provided at RPA for the 740,000 people who live in Sydney Local Health District and the more than 1 million people who come into the District each day to work, study and visit.

Find out more in the **Works Notifications** published to our **project website**.

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