

NEWSLETTER

MARSDEN
EYE
SPECIALISTS

Welcome

Marsden Eye Specialists have been caring for the ophthalmic needs of greater western region of Sydney for over 35 years. Our three clinics are located at Parramatta, Penrith and Castle Hill. Our doctors have expertise, knowledge and experience in the full range of general and subspecialist ophthalmology and ophthalmic surgery. Through our outstanding facilities and friendly, helpful reception and assistant staff, we aim to offer patients the best of care.

In this issue of the Marsden Eye Specialists Newsletter you will find useful information about our day surgery facility, updates on our retinal services as well as clinical update on the latest treatment for Keratoconus.



MEDICAL & SURGICAL RETINA SERVICE AT MARSDEN EYE SPECIALISTS



Marsden Eye Specialists has a dynamic retinal team headed by senior partner Dr Jennifer Arnold and includes Drs Robert Chong, Bharati Banerjee and Kwon Kang. Our doctors have extensive experience in the treatment of age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and other vitreo-retinal diseases. Clinical trials are also underway, evaluating new treatments in wet and dry AMD, diabetes, and retinal vein occlusion. Patients with surgical retinal problems are managed by Dr Kang, who specializes in both surgical and medical retinal diseases: he is available weekly in the Parramatta rooms and fortnightly in the Penrith rooms.

Referrals can be made to the retinal team, on a routine or urgent basis, by contacting our rooms. Our specialists are always available to answer any urgent queries and Dr Arnold can also help with enquiries concerning our retinal research program. Trish Forsyth is the nurse manager of the Marsden Retina Unit and clinical trial co-ordinator and may be contacted on 9635 7077.



MARSDEN EYE SURGERY CENTRE



The Marsden Eye Surgery Centre is a purpose built Day Surgery Unit designed and equipped exclusively for eye surgery. An extensive range of surgical procedures for cataract, glaucoma, corneal transplantation, oculoplastic surgery and pterygium removal, as well as the latest in laser vision correction are performed in this Day Surgery Unit.

difficulties may be set down on the driveway at the front of the Centre and taken directly to the Admissions office on the ground floor. The day surgery is wheelchair accessible.

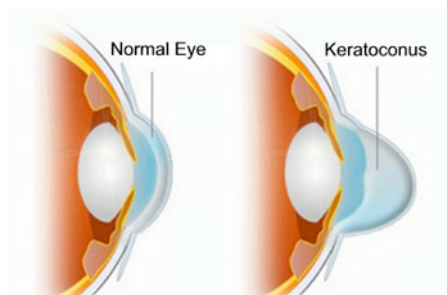
We have contracts with the majority of private health funds and the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Each patient will be looked after by designated booking personnel who will provide further information regarding their stay at the centre and they will be fully informed about their day only hospital charges.



Most patients spend less than two hours at the centre and a specialist anaesthetist supervises all procedures that require sedation. Patients with mobility

KERATOCONUS

Keratoconus is a disorder of the cornea characterized by progressive thinning and bulging which results in deterioration of the quality of vision and also the quality of life. As the disease begins in young adults, it affects the most productive years of life. Current methods such as rigid contact lens and intracorneal ring segment implants can only treat the refractive error but it does not stop the progression of keratoconus. A new treatment called Corneal Collagen Cross-Linking (CCL) is now available at Marsden Eye Specialists. The treatment changes the intrinsic biomechanical properties of the cornea, increasing its strength by almost 300%. This increase in corneal strength stops the progression of keratoconus and prevent further deterioration in vision and the need for corneal transplantation. CCL therapy is NOT a cure for keratoconus, rather, it aims to halt the progression of the condition. Patients will continue to wear spectacles or contact lenses following CCL. In patients with advanced keratoconus and extremely thin corneas this treatment may not be possible. In such a situation other alternatives such as corneal transplantation or deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty may be considered.



REFERRAL INFORMATION

At Marsden Eye Specialists we are dedicated to providing the highest level of care and service. Each day we have emergency bookings (for patients with acute problems including injuries) in our general ophthalmology clinics and subspecialty clinics. Patients may be referred by their general practitioner or optometrist. Our friendly staff are always ready to accommodate and assist with any booking needs. Appointment requests can be made through Parramatta 9635 7077, Castle Hill 9634 6364 and Penrith 4731 1811.



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