In the 2010-11 financial year, the RAH...

> employed around 5500 staff across its two sites, including more than 3000 nursing staff
> recruited around 90 interns and 60 general trainee doctors
> saw almost 67,000 patients through the Emergency Department
> treated more than 3400 patients in the Intensive Care Unit and Intensive Care Step Down Service
> undertook more than 18,800 surgical procedures
> admitted approximately 80,000 patients at North Terrace, and another 1200 at HRC
> treated and discharged more than 1800 mental health inpatients, and treated another 6700 mental health patients who presented via the Emergency Department
> treated almost half a million patients through outpatient appointments.

Specialty services at the RAH

> Anaesthetics
> Cardiology
> Cardiothoracic Surgery
> Clinical Pharmacology
> Clinical Psychology
> Dermatology
> Dietetics
> Emergency Medicine
> ENT (ear, nose and throat) Surgery
> Endocrinology
> Gastroenterology
> General Medicine
> General Surgery
> Geriatric Medicine
> Gynaecology
> Haematology
> Hyperbaric Medicine
> Infectious Diseases
> Intensive Care Medicine
> Medical Administration
> Medical Oncology
> Neurology
> Neurosurgery
> Occupational Medicine
> Occupational Therapy
> Ophthalmology
> Orthopaedic Surgery
> Palliative Care
> Pharmacy
> Physiotherapy
> Plastic Surgery
> Podiatry
> Psychiatry
> Radiation Oncology
> Radiology
> Rehabilitation Medicine
> Renal Medicine
> South Australian Organ Donation
> State-wide burns service
> State-wide spinal service
> Thoracic Medicine
> Urology
> Vascular Surgery

The Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) is South Australia’s largest accredited teaching hospital, providing the people of South Australia (and nearby states and territories) with outstanding medical care and rehabilitation.

Since it was founded in 1840, the RAH has built an international reputation as one of Australia’s finest public teaching hospitals. The hospital offers basic training positions in internal medicine, surgery and general practice, as well as advanced training in a range of specialty areas. Our staff are also actively involved in cutting edge research, making the RAH a centre for both medical and research excellence.

In addition to the 650-bed acute care hospital on North Terrace, the RAH also includes the Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre (HRC) at Northfield. This facility provides clinical rehabilitation services for people of all ages recovering from traumatic brain injury, stroke, other neurological and medical disorders, dementia, geriatric rehabilitation, spinal cord injury, orthopaedic conditions and amputations and burns rehabilitation.
Our clinical leaders

- General Manager – Professor Villis Marshall
- Director of Nursing, Anaesthesia, Allied Health and General Services – Dianne Rogowski
- Clinical Director, Critical Care Services – A/Professor Geoff Hughes
- Clinical Director, RAH Cancer Centre – A/Professor Peter Bardy
- Clinical Director, Surgical and Specialty Services – A/Professor Margaret Davy
- Clinical Director, Orthopaedic and Trauma Service – Professor Don Howie
- Clinical Director, Cardiovascular Service – Dr Peter Steele
- Clinical Director, Operating Room Services – Mr T Williams
- Clinical Director, Internal Medical Services – Professor Justin LaBrooy

The new RAH

To ensure South Australians continue to have access to the best possible health care, the Government of South Australia is investing $1.7 billion over the next decade to build Australia’s most advanced hospital – the New Royal Adelaide Hospital.

To find out more about the New RAH, visit www.newrah.sa.gov.au

A little bit of history

Before the RAH was founded in 1840, the state’s Colonial Surgeons (who were responsible for the general health and wellbeing of early settlers) worked in virtual squalor. They initially treated patients under an old sail with no protection from the weather, before graduating to the comparative luxury of a six by four metre hut, then a small thatched cottage (which cost £71 to construct). The hut’s roof leaked so freely that the floor was constantly awash in wet weather, until it was finally closed in December 1839.

The hospital was founded on its current North Terrace site in 1840 and by 1856, the central block and west wing had been established. Additions were made over the years and in 1858 a boiler house, kitchen, drug store and mortuary were built...

1891 and 1892

A new operating theatre block and a two storey wing containing two large wards were added.

1950

A total of 47 buildings had been constructed on the RAH site, and there were 32 wards in the hospital.

1962

The East Wing was opened to accommodate the Radiotherapy Department, and provide five floors of wards to take patients during the rebuilding.

1962

A new plan providing 1128 beds was presented, and the new buildings were built and occupied progressively between 1966 and 1969.

Some of the RAH’s more recent transformations have included a new theatre block, a major Emergency Department upgrade and many other changes to ensure it remains the state’s premier health facility.

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