

Palmerston Regional Hospital



The new 116-bed, \$170 million hospital, jointly funded by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments was opened in August 2018. Palmerston Regional Hospital is part of the Top End Health Service network and works in partnership with Royal Darwin Hospital.

Services provide:

- greater access to emergency healthcare 24/7
- planned day and elective surgery
- general medical inpatient care
- better access to maternity services closer to home including pregnancy check-ups, monitoring, post-natal follow-up care, and breastfeeding advice
- outpatient clinics closer to home, and telehealth care for rural patients
- intensive rehabilitation services and treatment with a gym
- up to two surgical theatres and two procedure rooms
- a comprehensive Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) ward.

Services include: Emergency care, rehabilitation, geriatric evaluation management, medical wards, day surgery, maternity services, ambulatory care, paediatric services.

Come and visit the Territory's first new hospital in over 40 years and be taken on a tour of the facilities that are providing continuity of care for patients from the acute medical ward, gym and hydrotherapy, sensory garden to the space where smoking ceremonies are performed.

Palmerston GP Super Clinic



FCD Health Ltd, a not for profit organisation, was established in 2010 through a joint venture between the Flinders and Charles Darwin Universities.

The Palmerston GP Super Clinic with its 23 consulting rooms, dedicated student led clinic area and multiple treatment rooms is home to FCD Health's student led medical care program.

Tasked with providing high quality patient centred health services through a multidisciplinary team approach FCD commenced operation of the Palmerston GP Super Clinic (PGPSC), in October 2010. Part of the Federal Government's Super Clinic program, since opening its doors, this clinic has made significant inroads in bridging service gaps in the Palmerston region.

Delivering primary health services seven days a week, the core focus of the clinic is undergraduate and postgraduate training with a view to increasing the Northern Territory's health workforce. During its nearly decade of operation, FCD Health has provided training opportunities for 62 General Practice Registrars and 117 Medical Students.

In partnership with the Northern Territory Medical Program, FCD Health offers long term community placements for medical students offering a comprehensive hands on experience where the students become an integral part of the FCD Health clinical team. Working closely with their GP Supervisor, students gain experience in the diagnosis and treatment of a broad range of health conditions for example chronic disease, urgent care, children's health, vaccination services, and work health. They are provided the opportunity to learn the nuances of developing relationships with patients and experience firsthand how critical the first interaction with a patient is in developing long term doctor / patient connections. The program also provides exposure to the effectiveness of working within a multi-disciplinary team and the benefits that has on a patient's health outcome. Conference participants who elect to visit our clinic will have the opportunity to tour the facility and learn about the evolution of the program offered from the organisation's Director Clinical Governance and Training, A/ Prof Chris Hamden and CEO Robyn Cahill.

Conference on the move

