



Dear Colleague

What's new at Braemar?

An increasing number of new services are being made available at Braemar Hospital. This newsletter highlights those introduced in recent times.



The Braemar Cancer Care unit, led by Specialist Medical Oncologist Dr Anna Goodwin, is designed to meet the needs of patients across the region.

- Services provided are:
- medical oncology
 - chemotherapy and immune therapy
 - supportive care
 - advice for cancer survivors

Benefits of using the Braemar Cancer Care unit:

- Immediate access to an Oncologist – Your patient can see our Oncologist usually within days.
- No waiting times – Treatment can begin within days of the first consultation.
- Covered by health insurance – Chemotherapy is covered

by most health insurance policies.

- Access to a full range of chemotherapy drugs
- We can administer drugs that may not be available at public hospitals.

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ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND



EUS allows the specialist to not only obtain precise images and information about the digestive tract and surrounding tissues and organs, but at the same time, undertake a range of procedures. These include obtaining tissue samples, pain management, draining of abscesses (from, for example,

pancreatitis), unblocking ducts or placing fiducials for marking tumours.

EUS has significant advantages over traditional ultrasound because it produces images of a much higher quality, providing precise information, which in turn means more accurate targeting of abnormalities.

The service is lead by Gastroenterologist Dr Frank Weilert. Braemar is the only private hospital in New Zealand to offer this service.

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SCREENING COLONOSCOPY

in association with
TAWA STREET CLINIC

Colorectal cancer is the second most common form of cancer for both men and women in New Zealand, with approximately 2,300 new cases each year. The Tawa Street Gastroenterologists, in association with Braemar Hospital, provide a colonoscopy

service for those with symptoms or family history.

Bowel Cancer can be cured if detected early, either before symptoms develop or as early as possible after they are first noticed.

Colonoscopy is the most effective way of screening for bowel cancer and even enables the removal of polyps before they can become cancerous.

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Breath tests are frequently synonymous with poor health choices. But a breath test offered by Braemar gastroenterologist Dr Jim Brooker will help many people live healthier lives.

The test identifies foods that are poorly absorbed by people suffering from Irritable Bowel

Syndrome (IBS), a debilitating condition which can cause abdominal bloating, flatulence, pain, diarrhoea and constipation.

The condition, which affects thousands of New Zealanders, occurs when the digestive system is unable to digest certain sugars in many foods.

The breath test identifies the sugar components that cause the condition, thus enabling patients to modify their diets to eliminate the symptoms.

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Kind Regards,

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