



# Epworth Breast Service

## Specialist Breast and Oncoplastic Surgeons



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## Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Management

“A specialist Breast Service providing rapid access, integrated, patient centred care delivered by a dedicated multidisciplinary team specialising in breast disease”

### Epworth Breast Service offers:

- Expert evaluation of all breast problems (both benign and malignant) with rapid access to specialist breast surgeons especially for patients referred with urgent breast problems, with a strong emphasis on accurate and timely diagnosis
- Access to a full diagnostic work up including breast imaging (mammography/ultrasound and MRI) and pathology (fine needle aspiration/core biopsy) as required, with rapid provision of results.
- Access to a breast care nurse at initial visit and throughout the entire patient journey. Our Breast Care Nurses are based in the consulting suites, and are available to all patients for information, provision of educational resources, assistance with obtaining prostheses, and psychosocial support in a private, dedicated counselling room.
- Provision of a full range of all treatment modalities, with care delivered by a multidisciplinary team in accordance with agreed clinical guidelines, emphasizing compliance with evidence based practice. We aim to provide an integrated approach to breast care in which medical and allied health professionals consider all relevant treatment options and, together with the patient, collaboratively develop an individual treatment plan for each patient through our weekly Multidisciplinary Meetings.
- Surgical management of benign breast conditions and breast cancer (symptomatic and screen detected) and surveillance of high risk groups with access to the full range of breast surgical services including risk reduction mastectomy, sentinel node biopsy, nipple-sparing mastectomy, breast reconstruction and oncoplastic breast surgery. Oncoplastic Breast Surgery is a relatively new subspecialty aimed at maximising cosmetic results following breast conservation surgery for breast cancer using advanced surgical techniques.
- Medical and Radiation oncology services, with both chemotherapy and radiotherapy administered on site at Epworth Richmond.



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