



*Dear Colleague*

## what's new at braemar?

Braemar Hospital offers free surgery for children to the value of \$50,000.

GPs are being asked to nominate children for free surgery at Braemar Hospital.



For the second time in two years Braemar Hospital is offering surgery free-of-charge to Waikato children.

In 2008 three local trusts combined with Braemar to provide dental treatment to 15 special needs children. These children had been on the Waikato Hospital waiting list, some for two years or more.

In 2010 Braemar Hospital is pleased to be able to make a similar offer to Waikato children.

GPs, who will be aware of patients who are stuck on the public hospital waiting lists and who are unlikely to receive surgery for some time, are asked to nominate them for consideration.

On this occasion Braemar Hospital is opening up the offer to any Specialty with the only considerations being:

- Your patient must be resident in the Waikato, Coromandel or Lakes regions
- They must be on a public hospital waiting list
- They are unlikely to receive treatment within the near future
- They are under 16 years of age
- They do not have health insurance cover
- You must refer your patient to a Specialist working at Braemar Hospital.

All submissions meeting the above will be considered up to the point where the \$50,000 has been spent. Your submission should explain why you believe that your patient should receive the surgery. No dollar value per procedure is being set. One procedure worth \$50,000 or ten worth \$5,000 each will be considered.

The submissions will be judged by Dr John Currie, Chair of our Clinical Committee and Dr Greg Spark, Specialist Paediatric Anaesthetist. Their decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Applications should be sent to Free Surgery Offer, Braemar Hospital, Box 972, Waikato Mail Centre providing details of your patient and the name of the Specialist that you would refer to. Applications close 31.08.2010.

Please contact either Brenda Williamson or Paul Bennett should any further information be required.

# new website

Our new website is proving to be popular with more than 1,000 visits each month.

There is a dedicated page for GPs covering a variety of topics that we hope will be of interest to you, including information on our ACC contracts, insured and un-insured patients and an electronic infection control feedback form. Just click on the 'GPs' tab to find out more.

Details on the Specialists working at Braemar, including their sub specialities and interests can also be found under the 'Specialists' tab.

Braemar accepts all NZ health insurance policies (including Southern Cross, Sovereign and Tower). This allows all New Zealanders to experience Braemar's excellent care.

Your patients can also find useful information about the hospital on the website. [www.braemarhospital.co.nz](http://www.braemarhospital.co.nz)



# new hospital extension planned

Our new hospital in Ohaupo Road opened in April 2009.

Planning for a second stage has now begun that will see additional theatres and wards added. Completion is scheduled for December 2012. Details on the features and services offered by our two Hamilton based hospitals can be found on our website.



# why choose a braemar hospital?

“Choice and Flexibility.”

An ageing population, increasing demands and expectations, and the cost of new technologies provide challenges for both the private and public health sectors.

Medical and technological advancements have increased our ability to treat disease and injury. This has led to a greater expectation as to what should be achieved by the health sector. In the public sector the increase in complex surgery has come at the expense of lower cost surgery such as hernias and varicose veins, and the rationing system of waiting lists has led to these, and more complex procedures, being completed in the private sector.

Private healthcare offers choice and flexibility. It also offers access to some of the best Specialists in a timely manner without the restrictions of a waiting list.

At Braemar patients can be assured of a quality service at competitive rates and the very latest of modern medical technology.

Dr Rob Cameron  
Chairman

“Quality care costs less at Braemar hospitals.”

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