



The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation FACT SHEET

Quick Facts

The Prince Charles Hospital employs around 3500 staff across the campus and in outreach services.

The hospital is Queensland's heart and lung transplant service, one of only four in Australia. The hospital has Queensland's heart valve bank and lung tissue bank.

In 2007-08, The Prince Charles Hospital:

- performed 1092 stent operations
- performed 1081 bypass or valve operations
- implanted 301 defibrillators or pacemakers
- performed 7 heart transplants
- performed 15 lung transplants
- performed 691 hip and knee replacements or revisions
- conducted 92,200 medical images, including 11,600 CT scans, 4,270 MRIs, 3,130 nuclear images and 6,620 ultrasounds
- had 614 beds.

In Australia:

- Cancers and cardiovascular disease are the two biggest killers.
- Lung cancer is the 5th most common cancer, but the most common cause of cancer related death. It is the 3rd biggest killer in Australia.
- In 2005, 35% of deaths were related to cardiovascular disease.
- Queensland has the 2nd highest rate of death from stroke and cardiovascular disease.
- One in 2,500 babies is born with cystic fibrosis, the most common genetic disorder for Caucasians.
- One in five people over 40 have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema.
- About 2.2 million people have asthma, averaging one in nine adults and one in seven children. About 300-400 people die from asthma each year.

Seventy percent of Queenslanders (around 3 million people) are living with a chronic condition, including cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and asthma.

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