



THIS CHRISTMAS, THINK OF THE LIVES WE CAN HELP SAVE TOGETHER

Every day new patients are diagnosed and treated for cancer at Sydney Adventist Hospital, and every day patients and their families put their hope and trust into their surgeons to help return them to health.

For over 114 years Sydney Adventist Hospital has acknowledged the privilege of this great trust through a commitment to provide care and facilities that has attracted some of the best surgeons in Australia.

This kind of commitment relies on the surgeons having the most advanced technology at their fingertips. As a not-for-profit organisation Sydney Adventist Hospital looks to its community, through the San Foundation, for support to help achieve that vision.

Building a **Robotic Surgery Centre of Excellence** at Sydney Adventist Hospital is a vital part of this vision.

The San will be the place where technology and human skill meet... where tradition and innovation spark new ideas and techniques and where the surgeons of tomorrow learn to seek innovation. The Robotic Surgery Program will ensure that every patient will have access to the most advanced technology and every surgeon and trainee doctor will be at the leading edge of highly sophisticated surgery.

To bring this dream to fruition, the Hospital seeks our support to purchase the highly advanced da Vinci Xi Surgical System (commonly called the Xi Surgical System or Xi robot).

The Xi Surgical System has brought the hospital's surgical leaders of colorectal, gynaecology, thoracic and gastrointestinal surgery together to seek donations for this ground-breaking technology.

Completing the circle of cancer care

In recent years the San Foundation led an ambitious campaign to fund the innovative San Integrated Cancer Centre. This remarkable centre now enables health professionals to deliver a truly integrated and multidisciplinary approach to patient care for those with cancer.

Working hand in hand with the dedicated professionals in the San Integrated Cancer Centre, the Robotic Surgery Centre is the next vital component to achieving true excellence for San patients.

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☐ da Vinci Xi Surgical System ☐ Nurses Residents Upgrade

☐ Where Most Needed ☐ Other

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☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly

☐ Yearly



Leading Australian colorectal robotic surgeon, Dr Stephen Pillinger, describes the Xi robot as “ground breaking...taking surgery to the next level”.

The Xi Surgical System is the best example of where a surgeon’s unique skill and expertise meets the most advanced technology that the world has to offer. This technology allows the surgeon greater access to tumours and pin-point accuracy when removing the diseased tissue with a delicacy that protects the healthy tissue. Because of the accuracy and dexterity this robot delivers, the patient experiences reduced blood loss, less pain after surgery and is able to return home to family and work much more quickly.

In his work as a Gynaecological Oncologist at the San, Associate Professor Felix Chan says

“Helping women recover from cancer is a big responsibility. Most of the women I see are the cornerstone of their family – they are busy taking care of their children, often also caring for their parents, their husbands, their home – and most are working as well.

The family relies on them being strong to fulfil all of their many responsibilities. When the woman has surgery, it can impact very heavily on the family, and she feels this burden very deeply.

In the past, with ‘open’ surgery, treatment for gynaecological cancer would take the woman away from her home, her family, for many weeks... and she would experience much pain... It’s a very ‘invasive’ surgery. With robotic surgery we can bring the woman home to her family in days rather than weeks or months, with much less pain and far less impact; not just on her health – physical and emotional – but also that of all the many people she supports.”



“By acquiring this technology we can make an impact – not only for the patients, for the family, the community, the Hospital, but also for the medical profession and the next generation of doctors”.
A/Prof. Felix Chan, Gynaecological Oncologist
Head of Robotic Surgery - Gynaecological Oncology

Help the San enable robotic surgery for every appropriate patient.

Robotic surgery isn’t all that new. Earlier generations of robotic systems have been in major hospitals for some time now. However the cost of accessing the technology has often removed this option for the every-day person: robotic systems require ‘consumables’ which can cost each patient several thousands of dollars.

Sydney Adventist Hospitals Robotic Surgery program will be the first in the country NOT to charge for these robotic consumables.

This will make the technology accessible to every appropriate patient who is treated at the San.

Technology such as the Xi Surgical System is critically important to the San’s community. The hospital and its remarkable doctors carry a great responsibility to ensure they remain healthcare leaders to deliver the best results for patients. With this technology San surgeons can improve the lives of many thousands of patients well into the future.

By donating to Sydney Adventist Hospital’s Robotic Surgery program, you can help be part of this leadership story.

Yours sincerely

Richard Warburton
Chairman

A Gift Of Giving...has its rewards

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