Norwest Day Hospital - Meet the Staff!

Tony Scaramuzza

General Manager of the Norwest Day Hospital
Norwest Day Hospital is a fully licenced and accredited day hospital conveniently co-located with Norwest Eye Clinic. Tony is responsible for the overall management of the state-of-the-art ophthalmic surgery facility, including liaising with the NSW Department of Health, private health insurance funds and other regulatory authorities. An amazing team of nursing and administrative staff are involved in ensuring that Norwest Day Hospital continuously maintains the highest levels of safety and quality standards, independently audited and approved by the Global Mark external accreditation agency.

Isidro Turingan

Director of Nursing at Norwest Day Hospital
Isidro Turingan (also known as Sid) has completed an Associate Diploma in Pathology and graduated from University of Technology in Sydney. He has been practicing nursing since 2000 and specialises in perioperative nursing. He has extensive managerial experience and over the years has contributed to several surgical papers. He and the team at Norwest Day Hospital strive to maintain the highest quality of care and the best outcomes for their patients.

Ongoing Education Series

Thank you to all the GPs and Optometrists that have attended our education sessions this year.

As a practice we are committed to these evenings and we ensure all our current referers are the first to receive invitations to these wonderful nights.

If there is any topic you wish to have covered in the upcoming sessions please e-mail us at info@norwesteye.com.au and we will get one of the Doctors to cover the topics next year.

Additionally we have also been running educational AMD patient seminars at the clinic for our patients every few months.

Get to know the staff

Practice Manager

Georgia studied as an Orthoptist at Sydney University and worked for a large laser eye surgery practice for 10 years before working for a practice management software company doing sales and technical support. She then went back to Ophthalmology and managed an expanding practice on the North Shore before assisting with the building and fit out of the Norwest Eye Clinic.

Reception

Angela comes to Norwest from Dr Lert’s Liverpool rooms which she left due to her expanding family and move to Castle Hill. She has a wealth of knowledge in Ophthalmology, surgery bookings and costing.

Clinical

We have had a new Orthoptist, Surpreet, start with us since last August. She also studied Orthoptics at Sydney University and before joining us here at Norwest worked in a very busy private practice and Day Hospital in Blacktown.

Dr Thomas Pham. Our new Doctor at Norwest!

Dr Thomas Pham specialises in medical and surgical diseases of the retina, including age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vein occlusion, retinal tear and detachment, epiretinal membrane and macular holes.

He graduated from the University of Sydney Medical School in 2000 and was awarded a Master of Medicine from the University of Sydney in 2006 for his research in the relationship between macular degeneration and cataract surgery. He completed general ophthalmology training in Christchurch, New Zealand before undertaking further fellowship training in vitreoretinal surgery at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Queensland and University of Toronto, Canada.

Dr Pham has authored and presented research papers at Australian and international meetings and has an ongoing interest in researching disorders of the retina. He is also involved in teaching registrars, medical students, local GPs and optometrists.

The majority of Dr Pham’s work is in medical and surgical diseases of the retina. He has ongoing commitments to providing a vitreoretinal service to rural areas of Central West NSW and has weekly clinics in Orange and Dubbo.

Season’s Greetings

All the staff and Doctors at Norwest Eye Clinic wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

We would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you all for your continued support.

We have now been open for 5 years and we hope that you have received positive feedback from your patients about our clinic.

Please remember that we do accept emergencies and have a clinician able to speak with you everyday during our opening hours.

We are open from 8:30am to 4:30pm everyday and have after hours emergency contact instructions on our answering machine.

We will be closed from the Thursday 25th December and will re-open on Tuesday the 6th January 2015.
Central Serous Chorioretinopathy (CSR) is a disease in which there is a serious detachment of the neurosensory retina causing visual impairment. It is thought to occur over an area of leakage from the choroid through the retinal pigment epithelium which may have focal or diffuse dysfunction. It has an incidence of 1 in 10,000, affecting individuals between 20-50 years and is 6 times more common in men than in women. The majority of cases (80-90%) resolve spontaneously within 3 months and can achieve 6/7.5 or better vision. However, there is a 40-50% recurrence rate and a minority of cases may result in few symptoms and will be diagnosed only on retinal examination. Peripheral retinal lesions, such as retinal tear and detachment, may result in few symptoms and will be diagnosed only on retinal examination. Peripheral retinal lesions, such as retinal tear and detachment, may result in few symptoms and will be diagnosed only on retinal examination. Peripheral retinal lesions, such as retinal tear and detachment, may result in few symptoms and will be diagnosed only on retinal examination. Peripheral retinal lesions, such as retinal tear and detachment, may result in few symptoms and will be diagnosed only on retinal examination.