

How you can help give our patients world- class care





About Epworth Medical Foundation

The Epworth Medical Foundation (EMF) raises essential funds to ensure that our patients receive the best possible care.

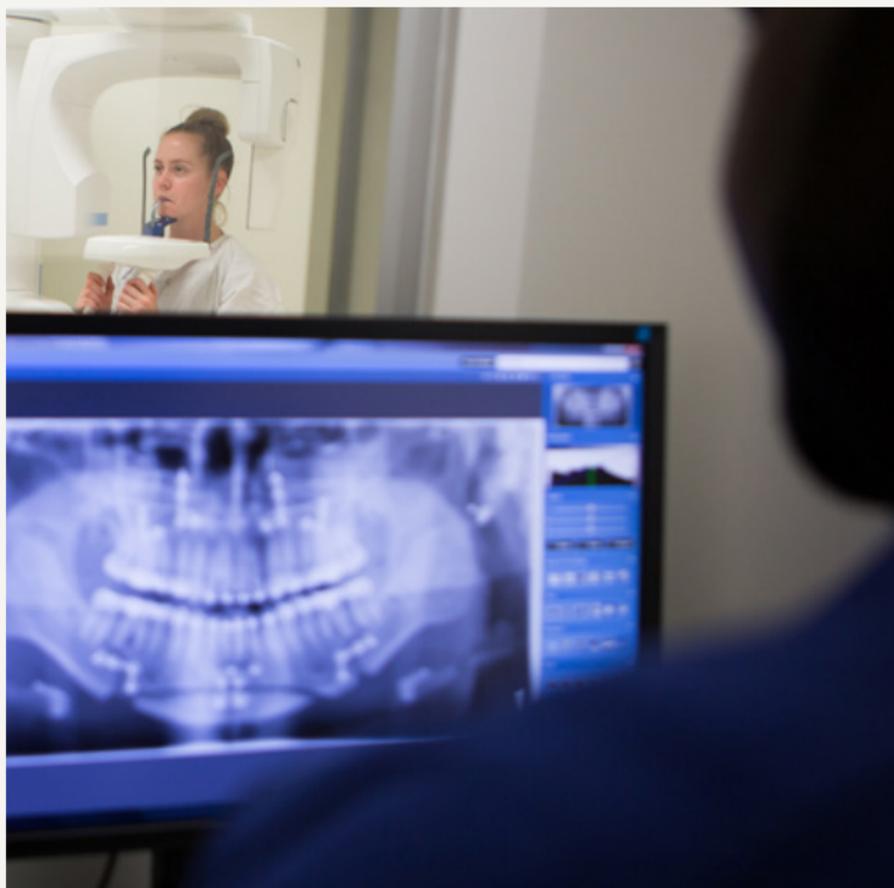
This means ensuring they're cared for in world-class facilities by leading specialists with access to state-of-the-art equipment, ground-breaking research and clinical trials, and that patients and their families are supported by a compassionate and highly skilled team.

Our generous donor community has been helping us to provide all of this since 1920, when a philanthropic gift enabled Epworth's foundation.

Philanthropy underpins our simple yet unwavering commitment to provide exceptional care to each and every patient we treat.

As a private, charitable hospital that receives limited government funding, we rely on the generosity of our community to be able to give our patients and families the best care and outcomes possible.

Your support helps us to give the best care by enabling us to provide state-of-the-art medical equipment; world-class facilities and the best staff possible. It helps us to conduct ground-breaking research and help families and patients in need.



Your generosity helps
deliver the best care in
so many ways.



State-of-the-art equipment

Medical equipment and technologies are constantly evolving and becoming more sophisticated and expensive. To ensure our patients continue to receive access to the very best, we rely on philanthropic funds to purchase more than a third of all new medical equipment.



World-class facilities

It is essential for our patients' wellbeing that our hospital facilities continue to provide global best practice in both comfort and care. This means investing in the latest technologies, world-class operating facilities, and the most nurturing environments for patients and their families to rest and recover in.



Ground-breaking research

Donations fund 80 per cent of the research projects being conducted at Epworth, where more than 250 research projects into critical areas of health such as cancer, cardiac services and obstetrics are underway. It helps us to stay at the forefront of global medical care.



Helping families in need

Epworth maintains several programs that help patients who are struggling physically or financially to travel to their appointments, recover from traumatic medical events, and cope with the emotional side of serious illnesses like cancer.



Scholarships program

With your help we're able to provide more than 150 perpetual employee scholarships. Scholarships enable our staff to be their very best and provide world-class care to our patients.



Supporting medical innovation

If there is a better way to treat and care for our patients, then Epworth wants to provide it. Our donors help us to invest in pioneering medical practices so that we can continue to give our patients the best care and outcomes possible.

All of this adds up to providing our patients with the very best in world-class care.





A life-changing microscope

Jenny noticed her eye sight starting to weaken in late 2018. “It was quite traumatic... it became difficult to drive or even do household chores. It was like a fog,” says the grandmother, who ended up losing more than 50 per cent of her sight to macular scarring.

But with help from Epworth’s generous donor community, Jenny’s doctor, Epworth Ophthalmologist Dr Elvis Ojaimi, was able to fully restore Jenny’s sight.

Dr Ojaimi used a state-of-the-art OPMI Lumera 700 Microscope to access 3D imaging of Jenny’s eye in the operating theatre and make essential, real-time decisions and adjustments, such as conducting microscopic repairs to tears, holes and damage to the retina and macular.

The OPMI Lumera 700 Microscope is valued at more than \$500,000 and was purchased by EMF for the Ophthalmology Department in 2019. Its real-time capabilities are a marked improvement on the previously available technology, which only allowed

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Epworth Ophthalmologist

a 3D image of a patient’s eye to be taken before (not during) surgery. It meant that ophthalmic surgeons were only able to visualise the eye structures before surgery and had to determine the surgical plan ahead of time.

Having the OPMI Lumera 700 Microscope means that surgeons are now able to access 3D imaging of the eye in the operating theatre and make essential, real-time decisions and adjustments to ensure the best outcome for patients like Jenny, who was one of the first Epworth patients to undergo an operation using the microscope.

Jenny can now see clearly again. She can drive again, is able to look after her grandchildren, and says the difference has been life-changing. “I have my eyesight back now, maybe even better than I had it before! The difference is just amazing.”

“In real time, the OPMI Lumera 700 allows me to see things I can’t see with my own eyes. I can see every layer; every bit of abnormal tissue which allowed me to make microscopic repairs to Jenny’s eyes,” says Dr Ojaimi. “Our remarkable Epworth donors helped Jenny get her vision back to over 100 per cent. Without their care and support, we couldn’t have purchased this microscope and Jenny’s future would have looked significantly different.”

Here are some of the ways you can help

Donations

You can make a one-off or ongoing donation of any amount. Every dollar counts and we are grateful for any support you can give. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Tributes

You may wish to use your donation to pay tribute to someone you love and respect; to celebrate a significant event such as a wedding, birthday or anniversary; or to create a legacy in memory of a loved one.

Bequests

By leaving a bequest to Epworth Medical Foundation in your Will, you leave a legacy for you and your family to remember; one that helps us plan for the future and gives hope, opportunities and the best possible care and outcomes to thousands of patients and their families.

Endowments

An endowment is a lump sum donation of \$100,000 or more and can create a permanent legacy of care in your name. It can be directed to support state-of-the-art technology or medical research, or compassionate care and support programs for our patients.

Attending events

Events provide a wonderful opportunity to engage with our community while raising much needed funds for a particular area of need. Our annual calendar includes a gala ball, golf day, race day and educational forums about topical issues affecting men and women's health today.



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we've been providing our patients with the very best in care for 100 years. And with your help, we will continue to do so.

We love getting to know our donors! If you'd like to help but aren't sure how, then let's sit down together and discuss ways for you to support Epworth.

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