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Dr Graeme Sloman AO becomes Epworth's first medical director. He establishes the cardiology unit at Epworth following an invitation from

the Board and Peter Wilson, CEO.

1981 Mr George Westlake was instrumental in building the reputation of Epworth cardiac services during its

early years.



The first coronary artery bypass operation in a private hospital in Victoria is performed at Epworth by Mr George Westlake and Professor Brian Buxton (pictured right with Dr Graeme Sloman AO) under the guidance of Professor Michael DeBakery, world expert in cardiovascular medicine from the USA.

Epworth is the first private hospital in Victoria performing coronary angiography and cardiac catheterisation.

Nurse Bronwyn Picken and Peter Wilson, CEO, make a presentation to Eileen Issell to mark the 1000th open heart operation.



Percutaneous coronary interventions (PCI), a procedure delicately manipulating a wire and balloon down an artery and then dilating the artery, is launched at Epworth by Dr Peter A Valentine (pictured) and Dr Emmanuel Manolas.

1985

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Heartbeat founder Henry Nathan OAM leads the group to make its first donation of \$35,000 to enable the purchase of a blood cell processing unit. Heartbeat has raised more than \$2 million towards equipment. Its volunteers, who have experienced heart disease themselves. also provide emotional support to patients

1983

Val Quanchi, President of the Malvern Rotary Club, pictured with a heart lung machine. The club raised money following a Rotarians' visit to the Cardiovascular unit. Stress testing revealed Mr Quanchi was in danger of a heart attack, and he underwent open heart surgery soon afterwards.

• 1983

Physiotherapist Pam McIntosh begins a cardiac rehabilitation program with a team approach, involving a dietitian and coronary care nurses. The service continues today at Epworth Richmond and Epworth Camberwell.

The original cardiac ward at Epworth Richmond with Ann Hewitt on monitor duty.

> The first stage of a new, state-of-the-art 45-bed cardiovascular unit opens in June at Epworth Richmond.

> > 1989

On an annualised basis, the department receives approximately 24,000 attendances with an admission rate to hyspital admission of 33%.

The John Knott

Emergency Department

department in Australia

Many cases involve people

opens, the first private

having heart attacks.

hospital emergency

1990 🕩 A computerised radiographic system for angiographic procedures is installed

1990

a new procedure for keeping narrowing of obstructed arteries open with a tiny stainless-steel mesh known as a stent. This means many patients avoid major surgery.

A/Prof Ron Dick

(pictured) introduces

() 1991

1993

1994



Cardiac Unit's

1993 •

The new cardiac unit opens on the fourth level of Epworth Richmond. With 16 fully monitored beds, this unit rovides specialised back-up to the diagnostic and medical facilities of the cardiac catheterisation laboratory (cath lab).

• 1994

Epworth's Cardiac Community Nursing Service, Cardiac Rehabilitation and Secondary Prevention Program receives the Australian Private Hospitals Association Award for Excellence.

At the 75th anniversary dinner of Epworth, Premier Jeff Kennett launches the Victorian Heart Centre. Photo: Helen Dalle Molle, Centre Coordinator, A/Prof Ron Dick and Professor Brian Buxton, inaugural chairman

direct ambulance delivery into the cardiac cath lab

1995

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1000th PCI for the year.

Epworth is one of the first hospitals in

for acute myocardial infarction with

Australia to introduce 24 hour intervention

MICA paramedic Steve

1996 Cath lab with A/Prof Ron Dick and Dr Pintoko from esia. Epworth is a major training facility for local and overseas specialists.



1996 🌢 The first Epworth

2001 HeartSmart program with Nanci Thurston, HeartSmart Coordinator, far left. HeartSmart is an outpatient cardiac rehabilitation program that helps people recover after a cardiac event.

Candida Viana, a cardiac patien from East Timor, presents cardiologist Dr John Fuller with a bear she made while recuperating. She is one of many overseas patients undergoing cardiac surgery at Epworth.

2003

Epworth acquires a

\$3 million da Vinci robotic

surgical system, a totally

intuitive, minimally invasive

is performed in 2004 with a

Mr Aubrey Almeida working

2005

Epworth Eastern opens, which today offers a 10-bed coronary care

cardiac beds, an eigh<mark>t bed intensive</mark>

care unit and one cardiac cath lab.

unit with a further 24 monitored

mitral valve repair. Photo:

with the da Vinci robot.

robot. The first heart surgery

1998

Cath lab

team with

Prof Yean Lim.

a major proctor

to overseas

fellows.

2002

The Graeme Sloman

Electrophysiology

Laboratory opens.

It is the first dedicated

laboratory in Victoria

facility in Australasia.

Epworth becomes

the only private,

four-laboratory

2005 Cardiac surgeons Mr Aubrey Almeida (pictured) and Mr Randall Moshinsky perform more than 60 robotic procedures and become the second most experienced team for robotic cardiac surgery in the world.

2014

HeartSmart Cycling Challenges commence. These annual rides, which encourage cardiac patients to get back on their bikes, have raised \$1 million

over 10 years.



An Albury couple both undergo a TAVI procedure, four years apart, performed by the same cardiology team at Epworth.



2014

The first renal

denervation at

Epworth, used to

treat difficult to

is performed in

A/Prof Tony Walton

(pictured left with

Dr Kar, an Epworth

interventional cardio

fellow in 1995 is now

a world interventional

Dr Saibal Kar).

control hypertension

• 2016

Epworth Richmond expands with the opening of the Lee Wing, housing a larger, purpose-built emergency department and ICU in addition to new theatres and wards.

2016

Epworth Richmond becomes the first private hospital in Victoria to offer open and endovascular capabilities for neurosurgery, cardiac and vascular procedures with the Siemens Artis Q hybrid biplane which allows surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures that result in safer, faster and more efficient treatment of patients. Photo: Silvana Marasco, cardiothoracic surgeon, collaborating in a complex interventionist case.

2018

Staff being trained to

support new da Vinci

La Trobe Financial.

robots, thanks to

Dr Graeme Sloman AO is honoured as Consultant Emeritus at the Epworth



A/Prof Ron Dick,

2020 🕞

Director, Cardiac President and CEC

Sciences Clinical Institute and Greg O'Neill OAM, La Trobe Financial at the opening of the La Trobe Financial Cardiac Catheterisation Unit.

2020

with their partners at Epworth 100 year celebrations at Melbourne

The cardiac team at Kris Kringle gifts after



Jenny M<mark>ar</mark>ino, Cardiac Technologist, monitors

recordings during a

ECG and

Cardiac diagnostics today with state of the art 3D reconstruction of transoesophageal echocardiogram.

Epworth Geelong introduces an electrophysiological (EP) study service, complementing its high quality diagnostic and interventional facilities for the treatment of cardiac and

More than 25,000 PCIs, almost 24,000 cardiac surgeries and 770 TAVIs!!



2011

The first Transcatheter Aortic Valve

mplantation (TAVI) procedure is performed

in March by Dr Tony Walton (pictured)

Photo (bottom): Alan Kinkade, former Group Chief Executive, Epworth, and Dr Graeme Sloman AO.

Celebrating 30 years of collaborative cardiac care at Epworth at Mural Hall, Myer Melbourne.



Epworth Richmond completes its 200th TAVI procedure using the Medtronic CoreValve device.

for action. (Right) A TAVI procedure Lee Wing cath lab.

• 2016

2016

Epworth Geelong opens. Its coronary care unit offers eight cardiac monitored beds, a six bed intensive care unit, two cardiac cath labs and a non-invasive cardiac unit for diagnostic testing.

2019

Photos: (Left) Delivery device poised taking place in the Epworth Richmond



Longevity of

leadership.

Nurse Unit

cardiac nursing

Charles Bonavia

been at Epworth

20 years, with

Unit Manager,

her 10 years of

service award.

who is receiving

for more than

Manager, who has

Siti Munirah Abdul

Halid, Acting Nurse

vascular disease.

Fast forward 40 years..