

Integrated Acute Services Building

The NSW Government is partnering with UNSW Sydney to strengthen the Randwick Hospitals Campus through the integration of additional health education, training and research with acute healthcare services.

Integrating research, innovation and education excellence with acute healthcare services

Under the latest partnership initiative, the recently approved Prince of Wales Acute Services Building is proposed to be extended over Hospital Road. This will enable clinical innovation and research, biomedical engineering, and clinical translational research laboratories to be collocated directly alongside clinical staff providing acute healthcare services.

This extension will bring clinicians, researchers, educators and public health together and will drive the rapid translation of clinically informed research, innovation and education excellence to improve patient care at Randwick.

Facilities within the extension to the building will include:

- Research governance and collaboration spaces
- Clinical research spaces
- Clinical innovation and translation spaces
- High tech interventional suite and clinical translational laboratory
- Bioengineering innovation space.

The Integrated Acute Services Building and the \$250 million UNSW Health Translation Hub are part of UNSW's \$500 million commitment to invest in the Randwick Health and Education Precinct over the next decade.

This investment complements the NSW Government's \$720 million investment in a new Acute Services Building for the Prince of Wales Hospital that is under construction and will open in 2022.



Artists impression of the Integrated Acute Services Building looking north

What community benefits will the Integrated Acute Services Building deliver?

Directly integrating clinical research and healthcare within the Integrated Acute Services Building will deliver major benefits to patients, clinicians, and researchers.

The project will:

- Collocate translational medical research activities with core clinical services
- Further expand and integrate health related education, training and research activities between NSW Health and UNSW Sydney
- Be a catalyst for creating new jobs and educating and training the future health workforce.

Why is the Integrated Acute Services Building being proposed now?

Significant planning between the Randwick Health and Education Precinct partners has informed the proposed extension to the Prince of Wales Acute Services Building. The Integrated Acute Services Building will deliver significant new health research outcomes that rely on direct collocation with the clinical functions in the new hospital building.

How will the Integrated Acute Services Building and the Health Translation Hub work together?

As well as improving health services to our local communities, the seamless physical and working integration between the Randwick Hospitals and UNSW Sydney will help position the Randwick Health and Education Precinct at the forefront of health research and education internationally.

Researchers and educators will be able to work with clinicians to study current clinical problems that patients are presenting with. This shared interaction allows researchers to undertake studies that are immediately relevant in the real world, with the results of these studies available to the clinicians treating patients without delay.

What statutory planning approvals will occur?

The Acute Services Building was approved by the Department of Planning and Environment on 27 February 2019. The extension to the building will be assessed as a new proposal by the Department of Planning as State Significant Development.

An Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for the proposed extension and will be publicly exhibited in mid to late 2019. Drop-in community information sessions will also be held where members of the public will be able to talk with members of the project team and find out more.

When will construction start?

Construction of the Prince of Wales Acute Services Building is already underway and will continue under the existing planning approval granted in February 2019. Construction activity related to the proposed extension will only commence after assessment and approval is granted by the Department of Planning.

How will construction be managed?

A construction management plan will be prepared as part of the Environmental Impact Statement and will be informed by extensive consultation with the NSW Government, Randwick City Council and other key stakeholders.

Enabling works

To facilitate the Integrated Acute Services Building proposal and support future stages of the Randwick Campus Redevelopment, part of Hospital Road needs to be regraded and a range of underground utilities services will be relocated or enhanced. Access to the loading docks and campus carpark will be maintained during construction however Hospital Road will be closed to through-traffic during and after the works.

Changed traffic arrangements on Hospital Road

With the expansion of the Randwick Hospitals Campus to the west including the Integrated Acute Services Building and Health Translation Hub, and the arrival of the new Light Rail on High Street, Hospital Road is now at the centre of the campus and it is appropriate to consider its future role.

To facilitate construction of the Integrated Acute Services Building and support future stages of the redevelopment, part of Hospital Road will be lowered and closed to the north to provide a pedestrian friendly environment for future redevelopment stages. Southern access to Hospital Road will be maintained and will continue to support logistics and emergency access to the hospitals and campus carpark.

The Randwick Hospitals Campus Green Travel Plan has been developed for the Acute Services Building along with detailed traffic modeling to address the proposed changes to Hospital Road.

Statutory planning timeline

