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UPPER GI, BARIATRIC and GENERAL SURGICAL REFERRALS

The **Upper GI Surgery specialist practice** has been established over 20 years in Sydney with our main practice at St George Private Hospital (Kogarah, Sydney) as well as other clinics in Wollongong, St Vincent's Clinic and Orange. We are a welcoming and committed multidisciplinary team comprised of specialist surgeons, bariatric medical practitioners, nurses, dietitian and admin support staff; ensuring patients are in the best hands for the duration of their treatment with us including the crucial aftercare period.

Our **areas of expertise** include the following procedures for both **public** and **private** patients. If you would like more information on anything listed below or would like to discuss options that are not included, please contact our team or visit our **website**.

GI PHYSIOLOGY

Testing for reflux and swallowing disorders from our high-resolution manometry lab (longest-running HRIM Lab in NSW). Catheter-based pH studies over 24 hours including studies for proximal reflux and/or low acid for patients with atypical symptoms or altered anatomy. 96-hour Bravo probe catheter-free pH studies, for patients wishing to avoid trans-nasal catheterisation.

DIAGNOSTIC and THERAPEUTIC ENDOSCOPY

Gastroscopy, colonoscopy, ERCP; Oesophageal, pyloric and biliary stents; endoscopic mucosal/submucosal dissection for early cancers and soft tissue tumours. POEM treatment of achalasia.

OESOPHAGEAL, GASTRIC CANCER DIAGNOSIS and MANAGEMENT

Endoscopic, laparoscopic, thoracoscopic and open surgical procedures. Anti-reflux surgery, hiatus hernia repair, treatment of benign and malignant neoplasms of the oesophagus and stomach; endoscopic treatment of early and advanced GI malignancy.

BARIATRIC SURGERY

NSW's largest caseload and longest experience with complex and revisional bariatric surgery, including the highest volume of referrals from outside centres for management of complications of surgery. Vast experience in all types of bariatric surgery including sleeve gastrectomy, various forms of gastric bypass, duodenal switch, laparoscopic band and revision and reversal of previous surgery.

Having a highly experienced multidisciplinary team means we are happy to provide aftercare to bariatric patients who are no longer in contact with their previous management teams. We also have NSW's greatest experience in non-surgical therapy for weight regain after bariatric surgery.

HERNIA REPAIR

Abdominal wall surgery, inguinal hernia, ventral and incisional hernia repair. Repair of complex and multi-recurrent hernias using multi-modal techniques. Management of hernias associated with morbid obesity. Abdominal wall reconstruction following massive weight loss and complex abdominal surgery.

PANCREATOBILIARY SURGERY

Cholecystectomy, management of common bile duct stones, management of tumours within pancreas and gallbladder.

ROBOTIC SURGERY

We performed Australasia's first robotic bariatric surgeries including gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and gastric banding as well as hiatal hernia repair and oesophagectomy for cancer. Regular access to robotic surgery for hernia repair and foregut surgery is available.

Consultations available at St George Private Hospital, Wollongong and St Vincent's Clinic