

## **Staff**

We have a dedicated team of specialist Ophthalmologists covering all aspects of general Ophthalmology and its sub-specialties.

They are: Dr Stuart Saunders, Dr Iain Dunlop, Dr Martin Duncan, Dr Gagan Khannah, Dr Christiane Lawin-Bruessel, Dr Salim Okera.

There are six Orthoptists who assist the Ophthalmologists by carrying out the initial testing and performing some of the specialist testing that may be required.

We have specialised Nursing staff who are involved in all surgical procedures and some clinical procedures. Also a number of specialist Anaesthetists who assist the Ophthalmologists through surgical procedures.

Our Administrative staff are well versed in the many functions and procedures of the practice and hospital.

Please feel free with your queries which, if not answered immediately, can be referred to the General Manager.

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# WELCOME



Welcome to the Canberra Eye Hospital, Canberra's only accredited eye hospital.

**Location: 14 Wormald Street,  
North Symonston ACT 2609**

The Canberra Eye Hospital is conveniently located in North Symonston, making it easily accessible from most Canberra suburbs and also Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra.

A bus stop is located on Wormald Street next to the Eye Hospital, with a direct bus route from Woden and Civic, bus number 80. A bus stops on Canberra Avenue to and from Queanbeyan.

### **Parking**

There is free parking at the rear of the Eye Hospital building in Wormald Street, and also some street parking is available. There is access to the Eye Hospital from both the front and the rear of the building with wheelchair access at the rear of the building.

### **Referrals**

All new patients require a letter of referral from a General Practitioner or Optometrist which normally provides cover for consultations over a 12 month period for a specific problem. A letter of referral from another specialist is only valid for a period of 3 months.

At the end of these time periods a new referral will be required, regardless of the number of consultations that have occurred within the referral time period.

We request that your referral is addressed to the doctor you will be seeing.

### **What to bring**

It is helpful if you can bring:

- Your most recent glasses, and/or the current glasses you are wearing
- Sunglasses for when you leave
- Medicare card
- Pension or Health care cards
- Private insurance details
- Completed patient information form (enclosed)

A list of current medications and drug allergies is important for new patients or any returning patients who have had a change of medication.

### **What to expect at your consultation**

Some waiting period is to be expected from your arrival time until you see the doctor.

Often you will have an Orthoptist (one of our clinical staff) begin your consultation, to perform some of the initial eye tests and measurements that are required for the specialist to determine your eye health.

It may be necessary to dilate your pupils with eye drops. The drops may cause some blur to the vision especially for near focus, and increased sensitivity to glare when you go outside. This can last for up to two hours. Please consider this for your transport arrangements.

Please allow plenty of time for your consultation, usually **two hours** should be sufficient.

### **Accounts**

We request that accounts be paid at the time of your consultation. This practice does not bulk bill, but a refund can be claimed by submitting your receipt to Medicare.

Fees are charged in line with AMA recommendations. They may vary dependant on what tests are undertaken at the time of your consultation.

There is a discounted fee for pension cardholders.

For holders of Veterans Affairs gold cards, an account will be automatically processed through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **Additional Investigations**

Many patients will have other diagnostic tests performed at their initial consultation. This may incur additional charges.

