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RPA Hospital offers peritonectomy cancer surgery

This month, the state's second peritonectomy service opened at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, complementing the service available at St George Hospital in Kogarah.

NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the expansion to the statewide service will help ensure demand for this significant surgical treatment for cancers of the peritoneum (abdominal lining) is met.

"The state's second peritonectomy site at RPA will operate under some of the world's best surgeons for this rare and complex procedure, which may be the only cure for some patients," the NSW Minister for Health, Brad Hazzard, said.

"Given the increasing number of people who could benefit from this procedure, the new site will ensure their clinical needs are met."

Professor Michael Solomon, Academic Head of RPA's advanced gastrointestinal surgical program and a world expert in pelvic exenteration, is leading the specialist team.

"RPA has a proud and extensive track record of ground-breaking achievements in surgery and research, and is one of best clinical and research hubs in Australia and the world so we are very excited to provide this service," Professor Solomon said.

"An extended specialist team has been recruited, including an international peritonectomy specialist (Professor Brendan Moran from the United Kingdom) and a specialist ward has been created at RPA for advanced gastrointestinal surgery patients. Patients will also be actively followed to understand the long term effects of this surgery."

RPA will work closely with St George Hospital, creating a world-leading specialist network, and is expected to perform about 60 peritonectomies in 2017/18.