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VISITORS WELCOME AT RPA OPEN DAY

Ever wondered what goes on inside a major teaching hospital? Or how about a chance to meet some of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital's medical professionals?

RPA and Chris O'Brien Lifehouse are opening their doors to celebrate "Pioneers in Patient Care" on Monday November 5 from 11am until 3pm.

The open day showcases health information displays, tours of the campus and museum as well as entertainment and food stalls.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said it's important the public has the opportunity to see how RPA and Lifehouse contribute to the local inner west community and to Sydney.

Mr Hazzard visited RPA on Monday to officially open a new six bed resuscitation bay as part of a \$3 million enhancement for patient care and comfort.

Critically ill babies, children and adults will all benefit from this state-of-the-art upgrade to RPA's emergency department.

"RPA's emergency department is one of the busiest in Australia. Last year, there were more than 77,000 presentations and about a quarter of those were children," Mr Hazzard said.

"The physical environment in which care is provided has a major impact on the experience of patients and their families.

"Each bed in the new resuscitation bay has a full suite of top-line emergency equipment providing defibrillation, mechanical CPR, airway management, ventilation, ultrasound and infection control measures."

Two of the beds were designed for newborn babies and children, including smaller-sized resuscitation equipment, Newborn and Paediatric Emergency Transport Service (NETS) cameras and TV screens.

The director of RPA's emergency department Dr James Edwards said medical, nursing, engineering and bioengineering teams collaborated to design and construct the purpose-built resuscitation bays.

"The new resuscitation bays will allow the sickest patients, including those suffering stroke and cardiac arrest, and those involved in major trauma, such as car and industrial accidents, to be treated by large teams of emergency and specialist clinicians," Dr Edwards said.

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