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## Five top hospital appointments

Five highly qualified Clinical Nurse Consultants, with a wide range of experience in key areas of nursing and teaching have been appointed by the South Western Area Health Service (SWAHS). Four will work at Campbelltown Hospital and one at Camden Hospital.

The appointment of CNCs was one of the key recommendations in the Barraclough Review into healthcare at Macarthur Health Service which came out in late 2003.

“Clinical Nurse Consultants are nurses who have reached the top of their profession,” said Jenny Becker, Director of Nursing and Acute Services, Campbelltown Hospital. “They provide an extra level of leadership and support and are readily accessible to nurses if an emergency or special need arises.”

**Ron Wilson**, one of the new recruits who will work in the **Emergency** ward at **Campbelltown** Hospital, gained valuable experience working as a Senior Nurse Specialist in the Emergency department of a large West London hospital which treated around 90,000 patients a year. Prior to that he worked for seven years in the Illawarra Area Health Service and before that Liverpool and Bankstown Hospitals. His new position includes providing clinical leadership, ensuring standards of nursing care reach levels of excellence and supporting and teaching nurses, both formally and informally.

As a personal initiative, he will follow through on the progress and outcomes of patients after they leave the Emergency ward. “If a patient of particular interest to staff is transferred to another hospital, or undergoes treatment somewhere else, I’ll try to find out what happens and give that feedback to the nurses involved in his or her initial care in Emergency.”

**Rebecca Cade**, who will work in **Surgery** at **Campbelltown** Hospital trained and worked at St George Hospital, Kogarah, during which time she studied part time for three years to complete her Masters degree in Nursing Practice, specializing in Acute Care. She was also a member of the hospital’s Quality Unit, set up to improve patient care and outcomes specifically in the area of surgery and critical care.

Rebecca will be responsible for the case management of complex patients in surgical wards. In addition, she will conduct on-the-spot training and instruction to nurses, as well as structured lessons on specific topics, such as pain management, wound care, surgical drains, getting patients ready for theatre and the special care needed when patients return from surgery.

**David Sanchez**, who will be working in **Emergency and Surgical Nursing** at **Camden Hospital**, already has extensive experience working at the level of Clinical Nurse Consultant, having worked at Liverpool Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit and Concord Hospital in Critical Care, which took in Emergency, Intensive Care, Coronary Care and High Dependency Care. “A high priority for me is to provide support and hands on clinical training to nurses. If they need help or advice, I’ll be there to provide it.” David also has a Bachelor of Education degree from University of Sydney and is well qualified to set up structured training sessions for nurses.

**Jenny Selfe**, the new Clinical Nurse Consultant in **Intensive Care Nursing** at **Campbelltown Hospital**, has had 20 years experience in nursing, having worked in Critical Care at Fairfield and Prince Henry Hospitals. “I was attracted to the job because I felt very deeply for the staff who I knew were doing their very best and I wanted to help by providing support, as well as an added level of clinical training.

**Kerrie O’Leary**, who takes up her position in **Medical Nursing** at **Campbelltown Hospital**, has widespread community nursing experience with a strong background in medical nursing.

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