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ZOLOFT 100mg Tab 30 (Sertraline)		\$7.99
Zolpidem Genix 10mg Tab 14 (Stilnox)		\$11.99
ZOMIG 2.5mg Tab 4		\$24.50
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Director of the emergency department at Queanbeyan Hospital, Dr Jeannie Ellis, demonstrates the new pathology testing equipment on patient Greg Fogarty
Picture: Elesa Kurtz

New equipment to help with care

By Georgina Connery

STATE-OF-THE-ART pathology equipment which has arrived at Queanbeyan Hospital will give emergency staff faster access to pathology results and improve overall care.

As part of a \$5 million scheme, funded by the Council of Australian Governments 150 NSW emergency departments without access to 24-hour pathology laboratories on-site will receive point-of-care testing devices.

Queanbeyan Hospital Emergency Department director, Dr Jeannie Ellis, said having two of the new machines gave staff real-time pathology results at the bedside and reduced the need to call pathology laboratory staff in to the hospital after hours.

“Now minutes into seeing a critically ill patient we can get some good, sound chemical information about what is going on in their body,” she said. “All of these biological markers help you to manage and direct treatment.

“You can see how the body is responding to the acute illness, and get an idea of how the patient is coping.”

The devices provide on-site analysis for blood gases, lactate, haemoglobin, troponin, and many other common pathology tests emergency department teams rely on.

Dr Ellis said previously hospital staff would

only call in pathology lab staff after hours in critical cases. She said the devices wouldn’t replace precision laboratory analysis, but meant doctors could readily refer to empirical results and use them to guide diagnosis and treatment for emergency patients.

“Chest pain is a common presentation, for example, and it’s perplexing to diagnose because there are lots of causes of chest pains,” she said. “What you don’t want to miss is a silent heart attack. Having troponin testing accessible on the spot in emergency departments after hours allows you to decide who is high-risk and who is safe to send home.”

Until now Queanbeyan District Hospital used pathology testing devices that produced results in hard copy print-outs that were then entered manually into a patient’s record.

Dr Ellis said the new technology not only improved emergency care, but also reduced double handling in medical record keeping, meaning nursing staff could focus more of their time on patients. Costs for the devices can range from \$2000 to \$65,000.

A NSW Health Pathology spokesman said providing figures for the cost of Queanbeyan hospital’s two new machines would breach commercial-in-confidence agreements with suppliers.

IN BRIEF

THIEVES SMASH INTO UNIT

Queanbeyan Police are on the hunt for thieves after a break and enter incident on Friday, May 9.

Police said the incident occurred in the afternoon between 2.15pm and 5pm and that thieves had smashed the locks to enter the private garage and access the ground floor unit at 33 Macquoid Street, Queanbeyan.

Police Inspector Chris Varley warned residents to take precautions and said the owners had not yet reported anything stolen.

DRINK DRIVING CHARGE LAID

A 34-year-old male was arrested and charged with a low range drink driving offence on Saturday May 10.

The male was stopped on Dane Street, Queanbeyan, at 10.25pm for random breath testing.

After returning a positive roadside result, the driver was taken to Queanbeyan Police station and was found to have a blood alcohol reading of 0.068.

Police said he was given an immediate suspension notice and told not to drive.

GATECRASHERS IN POLICE SIGHTS

Queanbeyan police are taking a proactive approach to combat “gatecrashers” and out of control private parties in the region.

A patrol crew attended at two gatherings in the Jerrabomberra area to warn party-goers and residents to be mindful of recent incidents.

Inspector Chris Varley said police had no cause for concern at the two locations, but after recent incidents of gate crashing and property damage in the area an ongoing effort to engage with residents hosting large gatherings was planned, to minimise risk. Residents are encouraged to notify police of a party at www.mynite.com.au

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