

Epworth  
Medical  
Foundation



# Remembering Epworth in Your Will



Your support saves lives.

# Epworth Medical Foundation

Epworth Medical Foundation was established in 1982 to generate much-needed philanthropic support for the activities and equipment needs of Epworth HealthCare.

Our goal is and always has been to ensure patients at Epworth receive the best possible care and outcomes. Therefore, funds we raise are used to contribute to and improve the excellence in medical care provided by Epworth HealthCare.

Epworth is an outstanding healthcare organisation but, if we are to achieve our mission of becoming one of the world's truly great academic and teaching hospitals, we rely on philanthropic support.

## Helping Epworth patients breathe easy

Donations and bequests to Epworth Medical Foundation help us purchase equipment like the V60 'breathing machine,' used in the Emergency Department. Patients taken to Emergency who are struggling to breathe – often those with lung disease or pneumonia – can now receive immediate relief. Before we had this machine, the patients had to be anaesthetised and have artificial airways (tubes) inserted into their throats.



The funds to purchase the V60 machine were donated by the Boerkamp family in memory of their wife and mother Jane. Jane had told her husband Bill she wanted to donate a V60 to the Emergency Department, and he generously made the donation the day after her death. Bill calls this machine "Jane's kiss of life."

# A hospital built on philanthropy



Epworth HealthCare was built on the thoughtful generosity of individuals in our community. They are men and women who have made donations, large and small, to help ensure that our patients receive access to the best possible care.

Indeed, Epworth was made possible by a philanthropic gift from manufacturer Sir Aaron Danks, who donated the deeds to his property in Hawthorn to the hospital planning committee. Sir Aaron's gift made it possible to open Epworth Richmond, in 1920.

Today, leaving a bequest to Epworth Medical Foundation gives you the opportunity to be part of this wonderful legacy. You will be helping to give hope, opportunity and the best possible outcomes to thousands of patients and their families.

# How bequests help

By leaving a bequest to Epworth Medical Foundation in your Will, you will help us plan for the future in confidence, maximising the benefits we can bring to patients. Bequest funds are used in a range of ways, including but not limited to the following:

- Capital development: bequests are used to redevelop existing hospital buildings, or add new buildings, to ensure our patients are treated in the best possible environment
- Equipment: bequests are used to purchase innovative, state-of-the-art medical equipment and technology to improve both treatments and outcomes for patients
- Research: bequests are used to support important research at Epworth, seeking better treatments, preventions and even cures for the diseases that afflict communities today
- Support: bequests are used to provide better patient facilities and services that create a comfortable, supportive and nurturing environment for patients in our care

## Surgery at its best

With the help of philanthropic gifts and bequests, Epworth pioneered robotically assisted surgery in Australasia in 2003, with the acquisition of Australia's only dual console da vinci robot.



“This is minimally-invasive surgery at its best because it reduces medical risks for people who are sick, while meeting the challenges associated with removal of their cancers.”

**Alan Crosthwaite,**  
Epworth Eastern Colorectal Surgeon



# The Lockwood Society

When you leave a bequest to Epworth Medical Foundation, you are automatically entitled to become a member of the Lockwood Society, a very special group of people who have also chosen to support us in this significant way. Lockwood Society members receive:

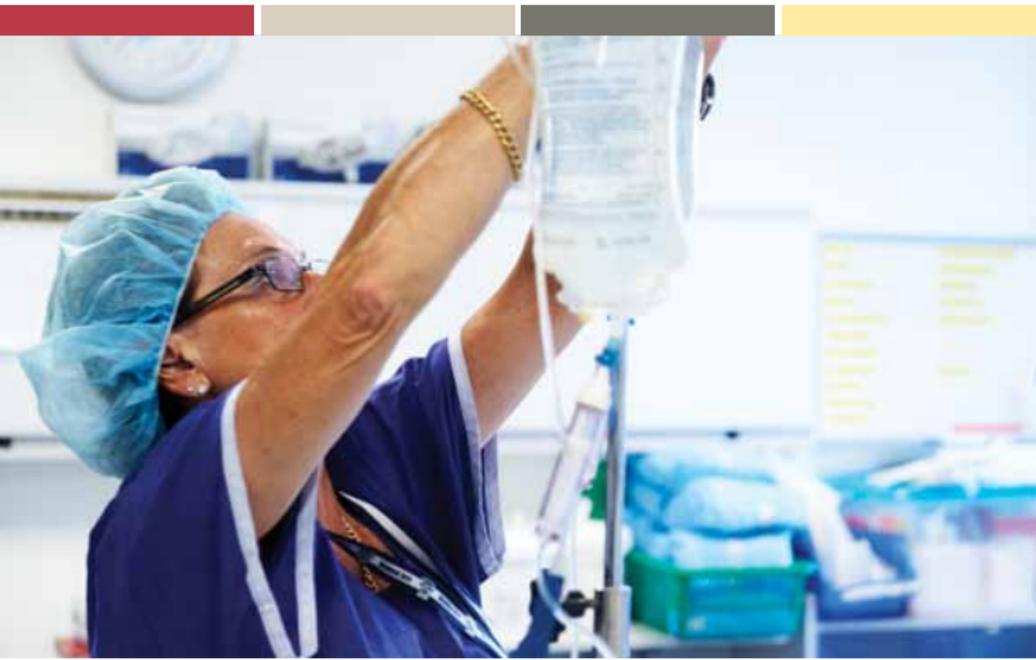
- VIP patient status if ever needed
- Honour board recognition
- Invitations to President's Luncheons
- Personal updates on Epworth's progress
- A commemorative Lockwood Society pin



“ We chose to leave a bequest to Epworth through the Foundation not only because of our connection with the hospital, but also because we believe it will have a positive impact on patients with a broad range of needs.”

**Bob & Sallie Marsh**

# Frequently asked questions



**Q Do I need to write a new Will to make a bequest?**

**A** No. You can simply add a clause (a codicil) to your existing Will.

**Q What sort of bequest can I make?**

**A** Bequests can be made in a variety of ways, and you can make yours to suit your personal preferences. For example, you may wish to bequeath a residual share of your estate, part of the value of your estate, a specified sum of cash, or a gift of stocks, bonds or other assets.

**Q Where can I get advice?**

**A** We would be happy to send you a brochure on leaving a bequest to Epworth. Simply call us on 03 9426 6572, or use the response slip with this brochure to ask for this information. However, we strongly recommend that you seek advice from your legal or financial advisor before making any change to your Will.

# Make a difference today

- I have already made a bequest to Epworth Medical Foundation**
  
- I plan to make a provision for Epworth Medical Foundation in my Will please send me your free bequest booklet**
  
- I would like to discuss making a Will please ask your Donor Relations Manager to contact me**

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Epworth Rehabilitation and Epworth Richmond.