

Cairns Urology

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Since establishing Cairns Urology in 1997, Dr Neil Gordon has become a pioneer in the field of Urology.

With a passion to provide a comprehensive, professional medical service dedicated to a wide range of urological conditions, Dr Gordon is recognized as the first Urologist in regional Australia to perform Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy, a procedure that uses shock waves to break a kidney stone into smaller pieces to allow it to travel through the urinary tract and pass through the body.

Continuing with his ground-breaking medical treatments, Dr Gordon and the team at Cairns Urology are also the only practice in Australia to offer Prostate Cryotherapy as a day surgery in the treatment of Prostate Cancer.

“My aim was to establish a successful specialist practice. To do that I spent over a million dollars on

the necessary equipment and subsequent upgrades and advances that would create awareness of urological conditions, including the diagnosis and management in Cairns rather than the automatic transportation of patients to Brisbane,” he says.

According to Dr Gordon, there are a wide range of urological conditions that can be treated successfully without surgery, however people need to be mindful of using natural medications and herbal remedies, as the products have not been designed to treat or cure any recognised disease or condition.

“It is surprising to me that so many people today don’t think of seeing a specialist for their concerns as not everyone requires surgery. It also surprises me when people spend so much time and money on unproven natural remedies when exhaustive scientific investigation of medications and surgery has been carried out to demonstrate a treatment’s effectiveness,” he says.

Dr Gordon adds that the aim of seeking medical assistance is to help you live for a long time and a good time, and the treatment should not be worse than the disease.

Passing on his knowledge to the next generation of medical specialists, Dr Gordon fulfills his vision for training medical students in his specialty area by having them attend his operating sessions.

“The students learn about a surgical procedure but they also need to understand how things are done in preparation and post op and the experience of working with nursing and theatre technicians as well as radiology staff and others to ensure the best outcome for the patient,” he says.

With over thirty years in specialist practice as a urologist, Dr Gordon has seen nearly 25,000 patients, and conducted over 5,000 prostate surgeries.

“I take my patients’ quality of care very seriously, and I believe we should endeavour to continue to provide the best possible care and treatment, even when the best treatment is no treatment. I believe this is a reflection of my practice and the success of Cairns Urology,” he says.

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