



CURRAN FOUNDATION GRANTS 1985 – 2008

The Curran Foundation offers grants to many areas across the St Vincent's Campus, reflecting the priorities of the time and the needs of so diverse and dynamic an institution.

TOTAL GRANTS PAID OR COMMITTED: \$7,822,615

Diagnostic equipment: operating video duodenoscope; automatic endoscopic disinfectant; telemedicine capabilities; patient doppler; urological scanners; endoscopy monitor; flexible cystoscopy telescopes; endoscopy camera equipment; Cyclear Real Time Detection system; bladder scanners; Cepheid Smart Cycler; endoscopic ultrasound; MR patient monitor, iu22 breast ultrasound.

Medical equipment: peritoneal dialysis machines; bronchoscopy equipment; video camera and monitor; interferential therapy/ultra sound therapy units; cell separators; haemodialysis machines and dialysis chairs; wound closure systems; CPM machine; interferential units; reusable stabilizer; artificial heart pump, [linear accelerator](#).

One of the most significant grants given by the Foundation to St Vincent's Hospital was a linear accelerator for cancer treatment. With no government funds available to replace existing equipment, cancer patients would have been moved to other Sydney hospitals for radiotherapy treatment. The linear accelerator enabled cancer treatment to continue at Darlinghurst and St Vincent's in now considered one of the pre-eminent cancer care facilities in the state.

Surgical equipment: surgical chairs; optical fibre polishing kit; ophthalmic microsurgical equipment; nerve monitor for ENT surgery; steriliser system; oxygen monitors; cryo/orthopaedic cuff system; fluid operating table; tissue forceps; operating theatres laproscope; sagittal saws; dermatone and skin mesher; camera and electroscope for laproscopic surgery (SVPH); NIM response - for tracing nerves in ENT surgery.

Allied Health: traction unit/treatment tables; pastoral care video; podiatry equipment; lower limb motion unit; interpretive page writer; tinnitus grant; pharmacy packaging system; pinch gauge; height adjustable beds; physiotherapy treatment bed; walking frames; podiatry instruments; patient living skills tools; variable height plinth; electronic speech device and speech synthesizer.

Emergency Department: transcutaneous oxygen monitor; cardiac resuscitation study; stretcher beds; wheelchairs; mobile resuscitator; rapid fluid infuser; oxylog 2000 patient ventilators; trauma beds; patient warming mattresses; capnographs; heavy duty weight scales; blood gases machine; stretcher; hypothermic temperature control system.

Intensive Care: intensive care bed (SVPH); oxylog ventilator; mobile resuscitators; mobile dialysis; warmer blankets; carbon monoxide monitors; ultrasound; transportable ventilators; humidifiers; x-ray monitor screens; PACS system; balloon pumps; portable ECG; cooling blanket; privacy curtains; venous cannulation ultrasound; BiPap machine; pacemakers; [echo ultrasound](#); [portable x-ray](#).

The echo ultrasound grant was enabled by a generous donation from the Honan family of \$250,000 which provided the state-of-the-art iE33 Philips Ultrasound System for the St Vincent's Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The clear instant imaging capability of the iE33 has resulted in timely, often life-saving, changes in medical treatment and surgical intervention.

The portable GE Definium Xray machine was identified as a high priority item on the 2008 St Vincent's capital list and will allow instant imaging of critically ill patients so that urgent treatment can be expedited if necessary. With this new equipment also emitting less radiation, it means that patients can be scanned routinely to monitor ongoing progress or response to treatment.

Wards: silicare and water mattresses; wheelchairs; ventilation meters; infusion pumps; ice machines; microwave oven; bedside lockers; wheelchairs; patient lifters; pulse oximeters and weights; mobile bath; tv and video; CPAP machines; shower/commode chairs; patient recliner sleeping chairs; heart starter; electric beds and pressure relief mattresses; Auspax machine; Bronslow Hinkle systems; deep vein thrombosis prophylaxis equipment; life sign monitors; compression pumps; electronic sit-on scales; portable IV stands; wheelchairs; tympanic thermometers; defibrillators; spa bath; forearm support frames; special pressure cushions and orthopaedic chairs; calibration machines; patient controlled analgesia pumps; Imed machines; calf compressors; BiPap synchrony; [telephone handsets and television sets](#) for every ward bed and in-patient lounge.

In 2002 a special gift from Charles and Eva Curran enabled over 350 televisions sets and telephones to be fitted to every patient bed in the newly built Xavier ward block at St Vincent's. The grant is indicative of the Foundation's commitment to ensuring the best possible comfort and care for St Vincent's patients.

Refurbishment: refurbishments of Intensive Care waiting room; refurbishment of Geriatric Assessment patient common room; refurbishment of St Peregrine room; diabetes waiting room furniture; chapel / quiet room at Caritas; air conditioning installation for day surgery suite; Caritas garden refurbishment; outpatients furniture and workbench; barbeque and journals at Gorman House; refurbishment of patient dining and activity room for geriatrics ward.

Libraries: Walter McGrath Medical Library upgrade; text books for AEC reference library; Curran Foundation Library in the Garvan Institute; Curran Foundation Patient's Resource Library at St Vincent's.

Teaching: cardiopulmonary resuscitation mannequins; drug abuse programme; booklets for oncology patients; food models; Hospice education equipment; computers; printers and software; diabetes education package; electronic whiteboard and patient education videos; skull base surgery teaching unit; mannequin for ward-based simulation training.

Research: cancer research at the Garvan Institute; Garvan seminar rooms; St Vincent's nursing monographs; Curran Foundation Chair of Neuroscience Research; Bowel Cancer research data collector; Alzheimer's Research project; Intensive Care Research project.

Patient comfort: air conditioners; cassette players; furniture for patient lounges; radios and portable music players for day surgery; recovery room chairs; plasma screen TV for Curran Foundation Resource Centre; establishment grant for St Vincent's & Curran Foundation Healthy Lifestyle Centre; patient admission guides; bed for Lymphoedma Clinic (SVPH); ambulance stretchers; defibrillators for patient transport service; community care car (SVPH).

Other projects: Hospice art exhibition; pottery kiln for Caritas; bedside cabinets for Gorman House; Outreach brochure; switchboard monitors; donation to the Peter Wills Centre for Bio-Informatics.