

## PICU Staff

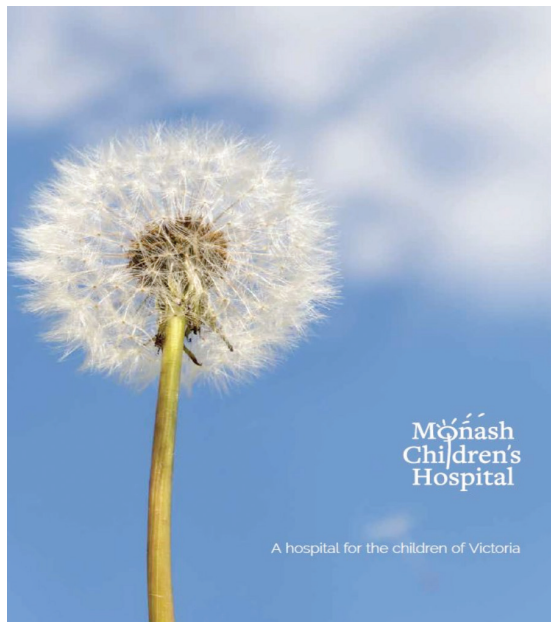
### Nurses

Nursing staff in PICU are highly trained intensive care nurses who will be with your child 24 hours a day.

### Doctors

Intensive care is provided by our PICU team under the leadership of our paediatric intensive care specialists. Formal ward rounds occur twice daily, from 8am and 4pm. Parents are welcome to be involved. PICU medical staff are present in the unit 24 hours a day.

Your child will also be reviewed regularly by an assigned paediatric unit that collaborates with PICU staff and will take over the care of your child once they are discharged to one of the children's wards.



# Monash Children's Hospital

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## Cocoon Paediatric Intensive Care Unit



**This information is for  
parents and carers**

## Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)

The PICU at Monash Childrens is an active, vibrant unit that provides specialised care to children of all ages. Children are treated for a number of conditions that require life-support or an intensive level of nursing and medical care.

While your child is being looked after in our PICU, the whole team will work to provide the very best care and aim to ease the stress you may experience. Please feel free to ask any questions to your child's nurse or doctor.

## Services available

### Car Parking and Public Transport

Car parking is available on site and accessible 24 hours a day. It is located at the front of Monash Children's Hospital, behind the multilevel car park. Weekly parking permits are available from the ticket machine in the car park. One hour parking is available in surrounding side streets.

Clayton Railway Station is a 200 metre walk from the hospital. The hospital is also serviced by several bus routes.

### Social Work

A social worker is available during business hours and on call at other times. They are available to assist your family with emotional support, financial issues and administrative matters. They may be able to help with accommodation when required. Nursing staff can refer your family, on your behalf.

### Ronald McDonald Family Room

This room is located on Level 4 near the paediatric wards 4A Canopy and 4C Reef. It can be used by all parents whose children are patients in the hospital. Its services include lounges, internet, kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities. The opening hours are variable, approximately 9:30am to 5pm, as the Ronald McDonald Family Room is run by volunteers.

### Ronald McDonald House

Accommodation in the Ronald McDonald House is available to all parents and carers. Accommodation is offered subject to availability and at a small cost.

### Breastfeeding Mothers

PICU can supply breast pumps, bottles and storage for mothers who wish to express at the bedside. A lactation consultant is available during business hours for advice and assistance. A room for expressing (Baby Feed Room) is located in the foyer, on Level 2 near the Parents Lounge.

### Additional Services

- Music & Play Therapy
- Playground & Outdoor areas
- Pastoral Care
- Starlight Children's Captain's Room - Level 4
- Hoyts Bean Bag Cinema - Level 3
- Radio Lollipop, Gigil Café & Kidsafe Store - Level 2 Foyer
- Parents Quiet Room & Waiting Room - PICU

## Being with your child in PICU

### Parents and carers

We are very supportive of parents and guardians being with their child in PICU whenever they wish.

At the same time, we also encourage you to use the time your child is with us to look after yourself; to rest and to sleep away from the intensive care environment in order to re-charge and maintain your physical and emotional strength.

### Other Visitors

We ask that visitors other than parents and carers adhere to the PICU visiting hours 11am to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm. We request that there be no more than two visitors at a time.

### Infection Control

As our patients are vulnerable, we ask that everyone utilise the hand rub provided, on entering and leaving the unit. Hand rub is located throughout Cocoon, in the bedspace and by each doorway. We also ask that flowers not be brought into PICU due to our infection control policy.

