



**BUNDABERG HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

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Dear Brian

**RE: VASCULAR ACCESS FOR RENAL PATIENTS**

Thank you for meeting with me on Wednesday 2 February 2005 regarding this subject. Please find enclosed copies of reports for arteriovenous fistula procedures for the last three financial years at Bundaberg Base Hospital (BBH) and the last 18 months at Royal Brisbane and Womens' Hospital.

These reports indicate that 15-18 patients from BHSD undergo 19-20 arteriovenous fistula procedures per annum. At least two thirds of these procedures are related to the initial creation of a fistula.

I propose that you consider performing an elective surgery operating session on a three monthly basis at the Bundaberg Base Hospital. The purpose of this session would be surgical procedures related to arteriovenous fistula. All sessions would be fully booked based upon referrals by Dr Miach.

As regards emergency surgery related to arteriovenous fistula, there are two options available. The first option would be for you to perform these emergency procedures at BBH according to the conditions as you previously mentioned while the second option is referral of such patients to the Royal Brisbane Hospital as required.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future regarding this information.

Yours sincerely

  
Dr Darren Keating  
**Director of Medical Services**

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cc Dr P Miach, Director of Medicine, Bundaberg Base Hospital  
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**Bundaberg Health Service District**

**Procedures for surgically created arteriovenous fistula  
Treated at Royal Brisbane Hospital**

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Data as at 11/02/2005

Patients	Total
03/04	3
04/05 (Jul-Dec)	11

Procedures	03/04	04/05 (Jul-Dec)
Arteriovenous anastomosis of upper limb	1	10
Closure of surgically created arterio-venous fistula of limb	0	1
Construction of arteriovenous fistula with prosthesis	1	0
Correction of stenosis of arteriovenous fistula	2	1
Thrombectomy of arteriovenous fistula	0	1
Total	4	13



**Bundaberg Health Service District**

**Procedures for surgically created arteriovenous fistula**

Period between July 2002 and April 2004

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Data as at 10/02/2005

Patients	Total
01/02	17
02/03	15
03/04	15

**Procedures**

	01/02	02/03	03/04
Arteriovenous anastomosis of upper limb	2	5	5
Construction of arteriovenous fistula with graft of vein	6	5	1
Construction of arteriovenous fistula with prosthesis	8	1	5
Correction of stenosis of arteriovenous fistula	3	0	0
Correction of stenosis of prosthetic (graft) arteriovenous access device	6	4	2
Thrombectomy of arteriovenous fistula	2	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>