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Dear Health Care Professionals

RE: RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICE AT ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL

I am writing to inform you of the new Respiratory Care Service based at Royal Darwin Hospital. It consists of Nurses Ms Tina Quirk (Remote) & Ms Delma Swan (Darwin & Rural) and myself, Dr James Bartlett (Respiratory Physician).

We aim to provide a link between hospital inpatient and post-discharge care for severely ill patients with respiratory illness, especially COPD & Bronchiectasis, to maintain their independence.

I will conduct Respiratory clinics Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings, and perform bronchoscopies as required. Referrals can be made to the Outpatient's department.

We are also interested in setting up monthly case conferencing of respiratory clients in the remote communities, with a similar model to the already well received renal conferencing. We will contact individual clinics concerned regarding suitable dates for this to start.

Please feel free to call me if there are any urgent matters, especially concerns regarding lung cancer, to speed evaluation.

Respectfully yours,

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