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Australian Centre of Excellence in cardiac surgery

Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital is recognised as being an Australian 'Centre of Excellence' in its minimally invasive cardiac surgery using the Edwards Lifesciences IntraClude™ and ProPlege™ devices.

To become a 'Centre of Excellence', cardiac specialists embark upon many hours of surgical training using these devices to enhance their skills to become surgical experts.

To date at HSNPH, Cardiac Surgeon, Dr Trevor Fayers has trained for the IntraClude; Anaesthetist, Dr Alex Cavdarski for the ProPlege; and Lead Perfusionist, Dr Andrew Simpson for the monitoring of these devices during surgery.

In all, thirteen devices have been implanted and as such, these experts now assist Edwards Lifesciences train future health care professionals in the safe use of these devices.

Both devices are used in minimally invasive surgery. The ProPlege device is inserted by the anaesthetist, and is designed to safely deliver retrograde cardioplegia which helps arrest the heart at the time of surgery, which in normal situations cannot be achieved due to access.

IntraClude Intra Aortic Occlusive Device is designed to occlude the Ascending Aorta when the balloon tip is inflated. The Edwards IntraClude is indicated for use in patients undergoing cardiopulmonary bypass. If the IntraClude is not used, the patient may require the open Sternotomy access.

By using these devices, fewer products within the incision site provide excellent visualisation and a virtually bloodless and unobstructed operative field.

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