

TO: **SURGEONS AND ANAESTHETISTS**

SUBJECT: **SURGIGAS**

Please find information below distributed at the request of Dr Andrew Lovegrove.

Bethesda Hospital is participating in this program.

SURGEONS

Introducing Surgigas – the website for finding anaesthetists.

While many may be aware this is a reminder that www.surgigas.com.au is a **free** website which has been setup to function like an old-fashioned bulletin board.

The website allows users (surgeons or their secretaries) to **find an anaesthetist**. The ability to make a phone call to an anaesthetist who has made their availability known for your specialty, the hospital you are looking for and the day and session minimizes wasted phone calls looking for anaesthetic cover.

The website also allows surgeons to **see if a hospital has available theatre time** before ringing the hospital to book. The hospitals list the free theatre sessions on the website so the surgeons can see when extra operating time is available.

If an anaesthetist's holidays are known in advance then the chance to **post a note to the website listing “anaesthetist wanted”**. This means anaesthetists can look at the listing and ring the surgeon's rooms offering to cover the session.

Registration is free and use of the site is free. There are no costs and the potential benefits of the reduced secretarial time may make a significant difference to your practice.

Any comments/questions can be directed to **contact us @ www.surgigas.com.au or surgigas@gmail.com**

ANAESTHETISTS

Surgigas – assisting efficient allocation of limited resources.

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One of the most frequently voiced concerns is the lack of cover for holidays and absences on short notice. **Surgigas allows surgeons to find anaesthetists more efficiently** and thus reducing the concern over replacements for sessions due to holidays or unplanned absence. Conversely the ability to find work when a surgeon cancels a list on short notice is also available.

The registration is free, as is the ongoing use of the website. The ability to make available anaesthetic time **specific to location, types of specialties, date and time** reduces the calls about work you are not interested in and increases the chance of hearing about the work you want.

Putting available time into the website certainly has proven to be the most effective method of attracting work. The efficient allocation of anaesthetic time allows the current workforce to provide for the surgical caseload being presented.

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