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## **Green light laser surgery now available at Werribee Mercy Hospital**

Green light laser surgery, considered by many as the current gold standard to treat enlarged prostate glands, is now available at Werribee Mercy Hospital.

The surgery is used to relieve moderate to severe urinary symptoms caused by an enlarged prostate, which if left untreated may lead to the urinary tract becoming obstructed.

Wyndham residents who previously would have needed to travel out of the area for green light laser surgery are now able to receive the treatment close to home and close to family.

Werribee Mercy Hospital perioperative services manager Carmela Joyce said the surgery was minimally invasive and an example of the expanding services within the hospital.

“This new technology to Werribee, which vaporises excess tissue from the prostate gland with a green laser, poses less risk of bleeding and infection post-surgery, and results in a shorter hospital stay for the patient,” Ms Joyce said.

“We still offer traditional surgery and in some cases it’s still the best option, but it’s great to be able to offer both within the hospital.”

Urologist Dan Lenaghan said the green light laser surgery offers a safer treatment to a greater range of men with prostate issues.

“The green light laser reflects our commitment to boost treatment options for men in Melbourne’s west,” Mr Lenaghan said.

“Green light laser surgery has a lower complication rate than traditional surgery and can be performed while a patient is on blood thinners without posing an increased risk.”

So far, 14 patients have been treated with green light laser surgery at Werribee Mercy Hospital since its introduction in June this year.

To find out more about this procedure, please call 8754 3000.

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