



A medical scribe in training.

Patient Marie Pandeloglou being fitted with a cooling cap.



Driver Neil Freeman and Wendy Villella with the patient transport van.



Australian setting. The test showed marked improvements.

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**So what are medical scribes?**

They are university students completing a health-related degree and they must have sound judgement, medical knowledge and organisational skills. Their role is to accompany emergency specialists during consultations with patients, typing up notes at the bedside on a mobile computer and arranging the tests ordered by the doctors.

With the introduction of medical scribes, Cabrini’s emergency department doctors will have more time to spend with patients discussing tests, further treatment and answering questions. It also means that doctors can see more patients more quickly.

**Naturally the medical scribes need training and we seek your help to raise**

**PREVENTING HAIR LOSS DURING CHEMOTHERAPY**

Patients have told us they dread the thought of losing their hair during chemotherapy because they don’t want a constant reminder of their illness. We listened.

Scalp cooling technology to prevent hair loss had been used overseas for some time to good effect. We knew it worked and trialled it on 30 patients. They convinced us and in 2014, we introduced scalp cooling systems at Cabrini Brighton with amazing results and a high demand for this free service among patients.

Now, we want to offer scalp cooling to our chemotherapy patients at Cabrini Malvern.

“Most oncologists will have had patients who needed chemotherapy but walked away because they did not want to lose their hair,” said Dr Michelle White, oncologist at Cabrini Brighton.

“Wouldn’t it be better if we could prevent, or at least minimise hair loss in the first place?” said Dr White who had seen its success at hospitals in the United Kingdom.

**PATIENT TRANSPORT**

Following changes to transport regulations last year by the Victorian Government, patients had to bear the brunt of transport costs if they were moved from hospital to rehabilitation centres, to appointments at other hospitals or to their own homes. Mindful that some of our patients often go without in order to pay for private health insurance and cannot afford additional out-of-pocket expenses, Cabrini introduced a free patient transport service. The first van went into service in March and since then, demand from patients has grown.

**We now need a second van to meet community demand and are seeking \$50,000.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP**

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