Natasha Fyles
Minister for Health

Two Key Health Facilities Opened in Alice Springs

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Northern Territory Health Minister Natasha Fyles today opened the new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and a critical training centre in Alice Springs.

“Patients are already benefiting from the new state of the art, 10 bed ICU,” Ms Fyles said.

“The facility has the latest technology including a ceiling patient hoist in rooms, a state-of-the-art pan and bottle washer, a patient cardiac monitoring system and three negative pressure rooms used to stop the spread of contagious diseases.”

Moving the ICU to the former first floor administration area was part of $21 million of Territory Government funded upgrades at the Alice Springs Hospital.

A 24-bed temporary transfer ward will be created in the former ICU area, to house neonatal patients while that ward is being upgraded.

The Minister also opened the $5.185 million Commonwealth funded Research, Education, and Training Development Centre (RED Centre).

“Located on the hospital campus, the building highlights Alice Springs Hospital’s growing role as an education hub for nursing and medical trainees,” Ms Fyles said.

The two-storey facility includes a 100-seat theatre, two 25-seat training and tutorial rooms, two clinical simulation rooms, two video-conference rooms, student computer hubs, a student lounge and offices.

“Up to 300 students will have access to the purpose-built clinical teaching and training facility.

“It allows local people undertaking post-graduate studies to work and learn in Central Australia without having to travel interstate to further develop their skills.”

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