



Introducing the MercyAscot **Neck Lump Clinics**

**A streamlined
diagnostic service for
neck lumps**



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Have you ever wished there was a streamlined service for your patients with worrying neck lumps?

We now have three MercyAscot Neck Lump Clinics providing an on-the-spot diagnostic service for patients with **worrying neck lumps**. You can find them in Epsom, Takapuna and Mairangi Bay.

Why refer to us?

We'll accurately diagnose your patient's neck lump in one visit.

We are committed to eliminating delays in diagnosis for your patients. Our clinics remove the need for multiple appointments; providing assessment and treatment plans during a single appointment.

Our integrated neck lump service is a **Southern Cross Affiliated provider** service.




When to urgently refer directly to our Neck Lump Clinics?¹

- Neck Lump increasing in size; or
- Neck Lump greater than 2 cm in size; or
- Neck Lump present for more than 3 weeks that has changed; or
- Neck Lump present for 6 weeks or more; or
- Widespread lymphadenopathy > 2cm; or
- B symptoms: night sweats, generalised itch, weight loss, fever

Sound like one of your patients?

The neck lump clinic team is proud of the levels of service they are able to offer. This service provides an excellent standard of care meeting international best practice.^{2,3}

The benefits to your patients are:

-  **One 45-minute appointment**
-  **Multi-disciplinary team at every clinic**
Radiologist, Pathologist, Head and Neck Surgeon
-  **Comprehensive diagnostic service**
 - Ultrasound assessment (neck and thyroid)
 - Immediate ultrasound-guided Fine Needle Aspirate biopsy performed if indicated
 - Immediate biopsy assessment where required
 - Clinical assessment, explanation of test results and treatment planning

Our results so far⁴

- ★ **1238** neck lump patients assessed
- ★ **99%** of patients given diagnosis following assessment
- ★ **49%** discharged with reassurance after a single appointment
- ★ **10%** cancer diagnosis

Our multi-disciplinary team has expertise in the assessment, diagnosis and management of neck lumps and forms part of the MercyAscot Head and Neck Service. The team works together to deliver the best possible care for your patients.

1. Adapted from 'Guidelines for the Management of Neck Lumps', Pan-Birmingham Cancer Network 2010 2. Guidance on Cancer Services: Improving outcomes in head and neck cancer – The Manual. National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE), Nov 2004. (Available online: www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CSGHN/Evidence). 3. Porter, M. What is Value in Healthcare? *N Engl J Med*, 2010; 363:2477-2481. 4. As of Feb 28, 2019.

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Three convenient locations:

EPSOM

**Mercy Radiology (RAD 2)
98 Mountain Road**

TAKAPUNA

**Mercy Radiology, Fred Thomas Health,
2 Fred Thomas Drive**

MAIRANGI BAY

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