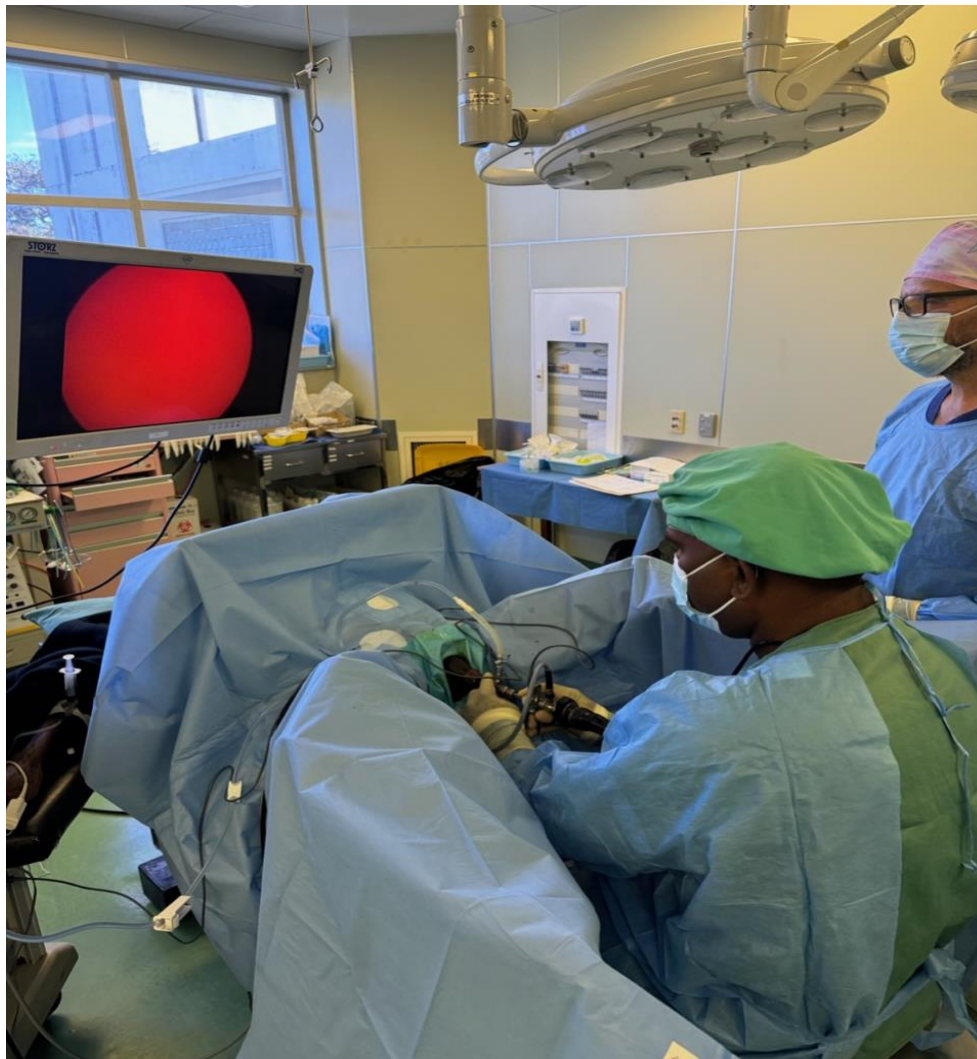


Annual Report DAISI 2024

The 2024 year trip to the Solomon Islands were by Dr Desmond Yips team to continue their great work with establishing oncology and exploring the possibility of establishing palliative care in the National Referral Hospital. A copy of the report for this trip is attached as our photos from it. In addition a milestone was reached with Dr Andrew Soma defying many obstacles to complete his Master of Cancer Sciences. What would have discouraged most people, spurred him on, to become the first oncologist in the Solomon Islands. [Master of Cancer Sciences: A long road, a new future for the Solomon Islands | 2024 | VCCC Alliance](#)

Please read Dr Yips trip report in the attachment.

A urology visit to Gizo was undertaken by Dr Tim Nicholson, urologist and Dr Ian Carter, anesthetist from 01/09/24 to 08/09/24. Multiple operative procedures were undertaken. Urgent care for a baby with exstrophy was organized during the trip.



Over 100 lower limb amputations a year continue to be performed in NRH the majority as a result of Diabetic Foot Disease. Education at a local level is a key factor in prevention. DAISI has been involved in discussions in coordinating efforts for training SI nurses and doctors and are working towards a training module to be delivered via the University of Adelaide. This process has been led by Professor Rob Fitridge and Professor Viv Schuter.

Dr Alice Ferber a New Zealand surgeon has completed a visit to NRH in September 2024 to provide education in regard to Breast Cancer treatment pathways. Due to the inability to obtain theatre times she was not able to operate except for emergencies.

The updated education in breast cancer treatment pathways was very well received.

A further visit was made in September 2024 to assess the needs of provincial hospitals. A report is attached. The situation in the provincial hospitals is one of significant need as detailed in the report.

Attached are the reports from Prof Yips Oncology team and the November DAISI visit plus photos.