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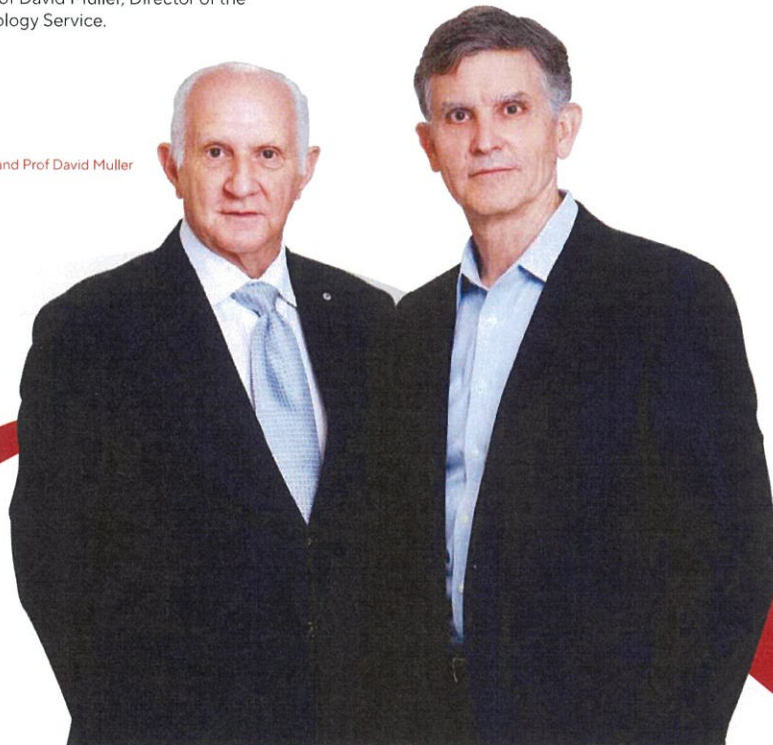


Maximising outcomes with minimally invasive valve trials

Since 2008, St Vincent's minimally invasive valve replacement clinical trials program has driven breakthroughs in cardiac care and offered hope to patients who would otherwise be ineligible for heart surgery. The program relies heavily on philanthropy, and our sincere thanks go to all our generous donors, including Les Schirato AM and Luisa Schirato, Vittoria Coffee, the Estate of the late Patricia Hayllar, and the Estate of the late Ken Coxon.

"These procedures are expensive, and the only way we have been able to build and run our valve program over the last 16-plus years has been through the generosity of St Vincent's donors. We are extremely grateful to every donor," said Prof David Muller, Director of the Interventional Cardiology Service.

Les Schirato AM and Prof David Muller



Minimally invasive valve procedures require the most advanced laboratories or interventional cardiology suites, as they are often described. In early 2024, the redeveloped Cath Lab 4 became operational, significantly improving both patient and clinician experience. With \$9.6 million secured to date, we are well on the way to achieving the \$11.8 million needed to redevelop three remaining suites.

We are immensely grateful to those who have generously supported this priority project. A special thank you to the JW & M Cunningham Foundation, the late Laurie Sutton AM and the Sutton family, and Jack Cowin AM and Sharon Cowin for their visionary gifts.

Uplifting lung transplant research

Despite advancements in lung transplantation techniques, more research is urgently needed to bring survival rates for lung transplant patients in line with other organ transplants. Chronic rejection occurs when the patient's own immune system injures the transplanted lungs. Dr Eisa Tahmasbpour, the Carina Martin Lung Transplant Research Fellow, is working to better understand CLAD, improve early detection of organ rejection, and implement more patient-centred approaches to treatment under the leadership of Dr David Darley.

This important work has been made possible by the generous support of the Alexandra and Lloyd Martin Family Foundation. We also acknowledge the many donors who have remained committed to supporting the broader lung research program at St Vincent's, including the Eva and Tom Breuer Foundation, Geoff Cox and the Bluesand Foundation, Steve and Linda Harker and the Harker family, and the Handbury Foundation.

State-of-the-art lung 'Eskies'

Thanks to generous support from our donors, our lung transplantation team was thrilled to purchase cold preservation donor lung devices. Affectionately known as 'lung eskies', these devices are specialised refrigeration units that allow the safe transportation of donor lungs over a longer time period. This enables the retrieval of donor lungs from across Australia and New Zealand and reduces waitlist times for recipient patients.

The 'eskies' will also help other lung transplant units across Australia to accelerate their own transplant programs.

Dr David Darley, Acting Medical Head of the Lung Transplant Unit, said, *"For 35 years, we've transported donor lungs in an esky on ice at 0 to 4 degrees. The research is now clearly showing us that 10 degrees is the best temperature for preserving and transporting lungs. The new device from Traferox Technologies will be a game changer in improving the logistics of lung transplantation across Australia and New Zealand."*

A special thanks to Stephen Fitzgerald AO, the estate of the late Robin A. Underhill, and the many other donors to our heart lung innovation program who have made this progress possible.



Dexter Cornelius Nurse Educator, Dianna and Geoff Cox, Nicole de Tullio, Transplant Coordinator, Heart Lung Clinic



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