

Dear Colleague

Our practice started in 1976, and has provided an unbroken general surgery and super-specialist surgical service ever since. We remain the longest-standing surgical partnership in the country, and have developed a relationship of trust with patients and referring doctors over the decades. We strive to provide careful evidence-based decision-making, technically excellent surgery, and outstanding patient outcomes, in a caring, patient-centred manner. Our reception team, nurses and accounts staff work to provide an efficient, responsive and supportive environment for our patients.

Some of our partners have left the practice, either retiring, or exploring alternative practice arrangements. We wish them well in their respective future endeavours, and thank them all for their valuable contributions to Matley and Partners over the years. We will thus be providing a more stream-lined service, centred on Kingsbury hospital, with provision of vascular services to Vincent Pallotti in addition. Our general surgery service covers all aspects of the field, including hernia surgery (laparoscopic and open), endoscopy (in-rooms avoiding hospital co-payment charges), and all general surgical emergencies. We cover all aspects of arterial and venous vascular work. Super-specialist services are provided by individuals who are leaders in their respective niches.

Our team is as follows:

- Mark Hewat provides the super-specialist HPB expertise (gallbladder, liver, pancreas, ERCP), along with the general surgery as above.
- Ebrahim Dalwai is our primary colo-rectal super-specialist, with special emphasis on advanced laparoscopic rectal cancer surgery and proctology, in addition to general surgery.
- Bhavesh Natha leads the vascular clinical team, providing cutting-edge endovascular and open surgery, as well as the expertise for vascular access work. He will cover both Kingsbury and Vincent Pallotti vascular.
- Philip Matley has increasingly been asked to take over a surgical leadership role nationally, and will be devoting increasing time to his role as Chairman of Surgicom, and within the multi-disciplinary South African Private Practitioners Forum (SAPPF). Within the practice he will continue to provide support and mentorship, both clinically and in management.
- Bob Baigrie will continue to provide colo-rectal expertise in endoscopy and proctology, though he will be handing over major rectal surgery to Ebrahim.

We remain passionate about providing expert surgical care, with the patient's wellbeing as the focal point of all we do. We look forward to working with you to care for our mutual patients. Our telephone number, rooms' location, and website remain unchanged. Please feel free to refer, or simply phone to discuss a patient, at any time. We remain committed to our practice ethos of expertise with care.

Yours sincerely

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