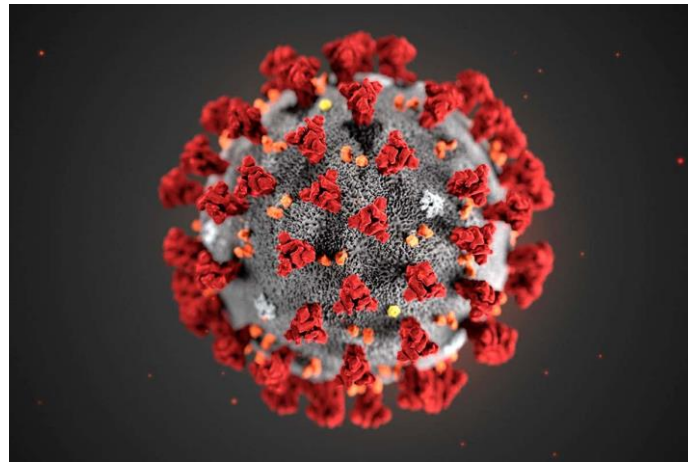




Madison Day Surgery

COVID-19 & Elective Surgery



The SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus that causes the disease COVID-19, is part of a large group of viruses termed coronaviruses after their distinctive appearance. After arising from animal origins in late 2019, it has now spread worldwide and is continuing to cause significant morbidity and mortality along with unprecedented social and economic disruption.

Because of the real potential of a major demand on Australian healthcare services (as evidenced by overseas experiences) in the subsequent weeks and the lack of Personal Protective Equipment available at the time, the Federal Government suspended elective surgery as of midnight on the 1st April, 2020. Only essential category 1 and urgent category 2 cases were allowed to continue. [Madison Day Surgery](#) has successfully maintained this emergency service during April.

Due to the successful reduction in cases that NSW and Australia as a whole have achieved, combined with the increased supply of medical equipment and Personal Protective Equipment, restrictions on elective surgery have been eased from the 27th April. From this date, 25% of elective surgery cases (in addition to the emergency cases already being undertaken) were permitted to recommence. On 20th May 2020, NSW Health allowed [Madison Day Surgery](#) to increase to 50% with further increases up to 75% permitted

throughout June 2020. This is being successfully implemented with the aim to prioritise people who need surgery the most, first. In introducing elective surgery again, the aim is also to ensure that a procedure can be undergone safely for both the patient and our staff.

To that end, competencies for Personal Protective Equipment and protocols for theatre management, including patient and staff risk assessment and social distancing, were introduced. [Madison Day Surgery](#) is also ready to respond to any rise in COVID-19 cases in the future if this unfortunately should occur. [Click here](#) to read more.

International Nurses Day



International Nurses Day was established by the International Council of Nurses in 1965 to celebrate the important role nurses play in our society. In 1974, the 12th of May was chosen as the date to celebrate the day as it is the birthday of the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale. This year, it was particularly significant as it coincided with the 200th anniversary

of her birth, and is in the World Health Organisation's designated International Year of the Nurse and Midwife.

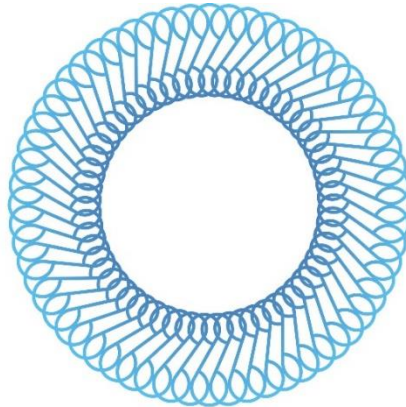
Florence Nightingale became well known for caring for wounded soldiers during the Crimean War in the 1850's. Interestingly, her statistical analysis of the disease rates at the time and her graphical representation of these results, in some ways, was equally important as it enabled her to convince the government of the time to improve the unsanitary conditions in the hospitals there. Disease statistics have unfortunately become a familiar topic recently. She subsequently returned to England and established the first secular Nursing School in the world. Florence sent one of only two international teams of nurses to Sydney in the 1860's to establish the Nightingale system of Nursing in Australia. She was also heavily involved in health promotion, hospital design and social reform during her life.

The Australian Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, has issued a special greeting to all nurses on International Nurses Day to praise the leadership, skill, knowledge, compassion and commitment of the nursing profession and to acknowledge the contribution that nurses make to the community.

[Madison Day Surgery](#) celebrated the occasion with our nursing team and would like to thank all our Nurses for their dedication, care, commitment and for all their hard work and understanding during this difficult time of COVID-19.

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Featured Doctors



[Dr Ilesh Patel](#)

Dr Ilesh Patel is an Ophthalmic Surgeon with interests in Glaucoma and Cataract. He graduated from medical school at the University of New South Wales. In 2004, he completed a Masters in Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, USA, focusing on ophthalmic epidemiology and biostatistics. Following this, he was awarded the Delta Omega Scholarship to undertake a Fellowship in Preventative Ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns

Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, USA. He completed his Ophthalmology training at Royal Adelaide Hospital/ Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide in 2009 and completed his subspecialty training in Glaucoma at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, U.K.

Ilesh has interests in glaucoma surgery, in initiatives to enhance patient understanding of glaucoma, and public health issues surrounding the screening and treatment of glaucoma. He follows the latest developments in cataract surgery closely.

Ilesh is an Associate Research Fellow at Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is a member of the Australian Glaucoma Special Interest Group, European Glaucoma Society and American Glaucoma Society. He is well-published in peer-reviewed journals and recently completed a book chapter. His current research is focused on the use of micro-trabecular shunts to deliver less invasive glaucoma surgery. His other area of current research is in blindness prevention in rural Tanzania.

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