



KAWEKA HOSPITAL

Smart Room Technologies

NEW NZ HOSPITAL INTEGRATES HILLS SMART ROOM TECHNOLOGIES

ASX-listed digital health company Hills Limited is the number one provider of nurse call and patient engagement systems in hospitals and residential aged care facilities across Australia and New Zealand.

A new state-of-the-art private hospital in New Zealand's Hastings is the site of Hills' latest deployment of its premium 'smart room' technologies designed to improve care outcomes and workflow efficiencies.

The NZ\$70 million stage one build of Kaweka Hospital was officially opened on 29 July with Minister of Health Andrew Little, Tukituki MP Anna Lorck and Napier Mayor Kirsten Wise attending, and the first patients due in late August.

The elective surgery facility in Te Whatu Ora Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay district contains four operating theatres with the capacity to conduct 5000 operations a year by surgical disciplines including general surgery, urology, ENT and gynaecology.

Hills' has integrated its flagship **IP7500 Nurse Call system**, which provides real time messaging for patients to call for assistance. The system also includes reporting tools that log activity to track workflow and performance data.

The **Get Well patient engagement solution** has also been integrated to ensure patients feel connected, prepared and informed at every step of their health journey. It incorporates health education materials, personalised treatment plans and patient entertainment, all of which are displayed on TVs at the foot of each bed. Due to the pandemic, the technology was workshoped, developed and integrated remotely from Port Melbourne, Australia, to Hastings.

Both the Nurse Call and patient engagement systems are controlled via a single bedside handset.



"Hills has been proud to contribute its technologies to this leading-edge, new build hospital," Hills CEO David Clarke said.

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The new private hospital will help to alleviate the backlog of people waiting for surgery in the Hawke's Bay district, which is home to more than 165,000 people. On the east coast of the North Island, it stretches 14,164 square kilometres from the north of the Mahia Peninsula to south of Porangahau. Almost one fifth (18.3 per cent) of the population is aged 65 or older.

Kaweka Hospital was the vision of **Dr Colin Hutchison**, who said the project was funded by local doctors and investors to respond to the region's increasing demands.

"Healthcare needs in New Zealand will grow immensely over the next few years as our population ages and unfortunately we have a population that has many health problems," Dr Hutchison said.

"At Kaweka, they will be cared for in a state-of-the-art, modern healthcare facility. Our Hospital will be the first 4 star, Green Star Healthcare facility in Hawke's Bay and the most earthquake secure building. We aim to create a warm healing environment for all of our patients and a great place for our staff to work."

Stage two of the facility is currently under construction and expected to be completed by the end of 2024. It will bring much needed cancer care services to Hawke's Bay with a new radiology suite including MRI, CT and breast imaging, and a new cardiac catheterisation laboratory in a 6000m2 complex.

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Hills IP7500 Nurse Call points integrated throughout facility with Series 8 handsets for controlling Get Well platform, overbed lighting and patient entertainment.

Get Well platform displayed on 55" LG displays

