

Background



Central Otago Health Services Ltd including Dunstan Hospital is a community-owned not-for-profit charity and was established in 1999. We are governed by a board, made up of elected representatives including service providers, local Iwi, and local council members.

For 150 years, Dunstan Hospital has been providing healthcare services. We provide healthcare services to over 36,000 people in some of the most isolated areas of New Zealand, and service a rapidly growing population with year-on-year enrolled population growth of between 4-6%.

Our vision is to be a lead provider and educator of rural healthcare for our communities.

We work alongside Otago Polytechnic and University of Otago as a teaching and research facility for rural health. Dunstan Hospital is also a student training site for nursing, allied, and medical.

We service multiple communities including Cromwell, Alexandra, Wanaka, Roxburgh. Our teams support telehealth (phone and online consultations) and specialist clinics to reduce travel to Dunedin and Invercargill for appointments.



Our Services

We provide a range of specialist care to our communities including:

- Operation of Dunstan Hospital
- Emergency Inpatient Services
- Medical Assessment Unit and HDU
- Radiology Services
- Outpatient Services (specialist)
- Community Outreach Services - district nursing and nurse specialists
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Social Work
- Dietitian
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Clinical Needs Assessors
- Child Development Services
- Chemotherapy Unit
- 6pm - 8am daily primary care after-hours support
- Regular Mobile Surgical Bus Visits

Our provider networks include:

- GP Practices (WellSouth)
- Uruuruwhenua Health Inc - local Māori Health services provider
- On-site mental health and public health services
- Southern Community Laboratories
- Otago Community and Upper Clutha Hospices
- Two primary maternity units/hubs in Wanaka/Alexandra

What our community say

"Sincere thanks to the many staff who made my stay bearable. I cannot fault the care I received and am aware many people went above and beyond their duty to help me recover and feel valued."

Patient

"Heartfelt thanks for the respectful, helpful kindness shown by all the staff."

Family Member