



No bones about it, latest X-ray is better

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SCANNING children's injuries at the Women's and Children's Hospital will be quicker and easier because of a new donated specialised X-ray machine.

Yesterday, the Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation and the ALH Group donated a Fluoroscopic Scan Machine to the hospital, which provides real-time imaging of injuries.

It replaces the need for traditional X-rays in many circumstances.

The machine, worth about \$124,000, was bought with funds raised by the ALH Group's 32 Adelaide hotels.

WCH radiographer

Jamie Brooks said the new machine would reduce treatment time and make hospital visits less daunting for children.

"It has better image quality, a lower dose of radiation, it is more flexible and portable and it is quicker for patients," he said.

The Fluoroscan is specifically used for the scanning of feet, hands and wrists and is likely to benefit hundreds of patients at the hospital each year.

WCH Foundation acting chief executive Trish Draper said the machine had been identified as a piece of equipment which would make a significant difference to patients at the WCH.

Nine-year-old Emmirrordh Galbraith-Sellar, who broke both his wrists when a dead tree branch collapsed under him earlier this year, visited the hospital yesterday and tried out the new machine.

"It definitely felt better," he said.

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LESS FUSS: Emmirrordh Galbraith-Sellar has both wrists X-rayed at the Women's and Children's Hospital yesterday.
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