



**Pituitary expert:** Dr Anna McLean hopes the seminar raises awareness about conditions.

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# Gland health focus of forum

MEDICAL specialists are flocking to Cairns today to learn more about one of the Far North's rarest medical conditions.

Pituitary gland disorders affect about 100 people locally and can cause a variety of problems.

The gland controls bodily functions, including the amount of hormones the body produces.

At Pituitary in the Tropics, a public seminar hosted for the

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first time at Cairns Base Hospital, people can learn more about current treatments and therapies.

Hospital endocrinologist Dr Anna McLean hopes the seminar may help raise more awareness of the condition.

"The idea is that patients can be more informed so they can be more in charge of their own health and they can be more

proactive in raising awareness of the topic," Dr McLean said.

Dr McLean said some people may not realise they have a pituitary condition.

Pituitary in the Tropics is open to the public and taking place in the A Block, second floor auditorium at Cairns Base Hospital today from 8.20am to 2.30pm.

► For more information about pituitary conditions, contact the Australian Pituitary Foundation on 3376 2083 or email [qld@pituitary.asn.au](mailto:qld@pituitary.asn.au).