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Barwon checks new lab into health fund

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*Growing health: Barwon's Robert Morrison has seen the firm move quickly since launching a \$500 million healthcare property fund for wholesale investors. **Janie Barrett***

Sydney-based manager Barwon Investment Partners has bought its second pathology lab in Melbourne, for \$24.6 million, as it quickly invests out a new healthcare property fund.

The pathology facility on Banksia Street at Heidelberg in Melbourne's north-east is the main laboratory for Dorevitch Pathology.

The property was acquired in an off-market transaction with Arena REIT as the manager for the Banksia Street Heidelberg Joint Venture.

The property is leased for 14 years to Dorevitch, a subsidiary of the listed Primary Healthcare.

"We are pleased to have secured this quality property in an off-market transaction for our Barwon Institutional Healthcare Property Fund," Barwon partner Robert Morrison said. "With a long lease and high quality tenant, the Dorevitch Pathology facility represents a critical piece of healthcare infrastructure supporting the medical care of Victorians across the state".

Barwon has moved quickly since launching [a \\$500 million healthcare property fund for wholesale investors](#) late last year.

The fund was [seeded in February](#) with another Melbourne pathology facility in a \$20.5 million deal, which Barwon acquired through a sale and leaseback with Australian Clinical Labs.

In its biggest deal to date, the Barwon fund bought [the Australian section of the Evolution Healthcare portfolio](#), three New South Wales hospitals, for \$76.5 million in April.