



The Bariatric Surgery Registry Newsletter

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Greetings from the BSR!

Welcome to the **12th Edition of the Bariatric Surgery Registry Newsletter.**

The BSR's **30,000th** participant has been enrolled less than eight months after the BSR saw its 20,000th enrolment.

The enrolment of new surgeons continues and with the recent addition of participating hospitals, many new contributors are coming on board.

The commitment to the Registry by surgeons and their staff will help to ensure complete data capture which is vital for the BSR to be recognised as a Clinical Quality Registry.

The BSR welcomes the new surgical practices and encourages everyone to contact the registry for any assistance needed.

The number of patients on the BSR has reached 30,712 with an opt out rate of 3.69%.

New Project Manager for the BSR

The Steering Committee has appointed a new Project Manager, Dr Dana Briggs. Dana is replacing Ms Dianne Brown who will remain a Consultant to the Registry.

Dana has an academic background with a PhD focused on how the central (brain) control of appetite is disrupted by obesity and how this disruption is affected by weight loss. Since completing her PhD she has worked in regulatory compliance, ethics, and research management in Australia and the United States.

Please join the Registry in welcoming Dana and extending our gratitude to Dianne for her incredible achievements with the BSR.

The Fifth Annual Report Released

The Fifth Annual Report of the Bariatric Surgery Registry was submitted for review to the Commonwealth Government's Department of Health. The report was once again accepted by the Commonwealth and has since been released.

The Report will be emailed as a pdf to all stakeholders and is available in a bound copy.

Bound copies are an excellent way of demonstrating to your patients how the Registry reports its data. Please feel free to request copies for your reception areas.

The Report is also found online:

<https://www.monash.edu/medicine/sphpm/registries/bariatric/reports-publications>

Recognition for Professors Paul O' Brien and Wendy Brown

Meritorious accolades have been bestowed upon BSR Steering Committee member Emeritus Prof Paul O'Brien and Clinical Lead Prof Wendy Brown.

Emeritus Prof O'Brien was listed in this year's Queens Birthday Honours, becoming an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia. He was recognised for his "distinguished service to medicine as a clinical surgeon and researcher, particularly of the stomach and its physiology, as a mentor to surgeons, and through contributions to public health in Australia and internationally."

Prof Wendy Brown has been awarded the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons John Mitchell Crouch Fellowship for her work on treating obesity in the public health system. Wendy is the first woman to have been awarded the honour since the Fellowship was established by RACS in 1977.

Please join us in congratulating them both!!



New Zealand Update

The Bariatric Surgery Registry was successfully launched by Prof Wendy Brown and Dr Andrew MacCormick in July. Events were held in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Whilst in Wellington, Wendy and Andrew met with Dr David St George at the Ministry of Health. Dr St George is the Chief Advisor-Integrative Care and is looking to develop Ministerial policy around registries.

The RACS in NZ has offered its full support for the BSR as it looks forward to having registries there. The BSR is very grateful to the College for organising a press release about the launch.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the BSR will be supported in New Zealand by Uniservices. Miss Anna-Marie Rattray has been appointed as the Research Assistant and will be the BSR contact in New Zealand. Anna-Marie visited the Melbourne BSR team in early September and is looking forward to finalising locality approvals in New Zealand.

Principal Investigators are needed for NZ locality approvals. If you can champion the BSR in NZ, please contact Anna-Marie:

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Protocol Version 4.0

'Establishment of a Bariatric Surgery Clinical Quality Registry'

The BSR's protocol has been revised. The Registry has evolved greatly over the past five years and the new protocol will be the guide as it continues to grow, especially as New Zealand joins the registry.

Protocol Version 4.0, along with a summary of changes, will be emailed as a PDF to all enlisted surgeons. **All surgeons are site investigators and as such are required to review the new protocol.**

The protocol serves as the operating procedure for the BSR. It has been updated and approved in an amendment submitted to the Alfred HREC. The approval allows for the following updates to the Registry's processes:

- The Registry can now develop an SMS platform with a web portal for patient/participant engagement as an additional means of obtaining follow-up information from registry participants rather than the surgeons' rooms.
- Hospital ICD 10 reports can be bulk loaded directly on to the registry database so that users can update the requested information directly online rather than being sent paper data requests.
- The addition of length of hospital stay will be collected as a quality indicator. The date of hospital admission and date of discharge is provided with the ICD-10 reports. This information will now be entered on to the Registry.
- The Registry can apply for data linkages with repositories of health information to verify its data. These data linkages are vital for verifying critical quality data such as patient mortality, defined adverse events and other outcome measures are completely captured. For data linkages in Australia and New Zealand, the necessary approvals from



an HREC/HDEC will be sought when required.

Participant Fact Sheet v. 8.0 and BSR Fact Sheet v. 1.0

Participant Fact Sheet v. 8.0

Other changes approved by the Alfred HREC include that for the Participant Fact Sheet (PFS), previously called the "Patient Explanatory Statement." The BSR aims to simplify its documentation for improved readability and understanding for all prospective and current participants.

The PFS now has all ethics committee and investigators' contact and complaint information on the front page to ease the locating of these vital details. This new document clearly states that the document is available in languages other than English and explains the direct involvement required of participants.

BSR Fact Sheet v1.0

This is a new document which will be posted to prospective participants along with the Participant Fact Sheet (PFS). This simple fact sheet summarizes the PFS giving the key information about the purpose of the BSR, what their involvement entails, and that their participation is voluntary. Details how to opt out are stated clearly. The main aim of this new fact sheet is to engage prospective participants in the BSR in a friendly and easy to read manner.

Outlier Policy v. 1.6

The revised Outlier Policy has also been reviewed by the Alfred HREC and approved. This policy has been amended to include issues around investigating the deaths of BSR participants along with

recommendations made by our counterparts in New Zealand.

The policy can be found on the BSR website or contact the Registry for a pdf.

<https://www.monash.edu/medicine/sphpm/registries/bariatric/policies-procedures>

Additions to the BSR-i

Recent updates to the Registry's web interface, the BSR-i, have been made.

Additional bariatric procedures have been listed. Please tick the correct box for the procedure performed, rather than "Other." We thank our participating surgeons for their input and advice which led to these changes.

In addition, significant improvements have been made to the administration screen used by the Registry's Call Centre Staff.

If you find that you are struggling with the submission of your follow-up data, please tick the box for "BSR to follow up."

Looking forward to a Surgeon's Report this year?

The Registry will shortly begin preparing the individual surgeon reports. To qualify for a report, be sure to get your follow-up data to the BSR asap.

Surgeon reports are based on data collected 1 October to 30 September the following year.



Bariatric Surgery on the Airwaves

Professor Wendy Brown was a guest on ABC Radio's 'Evenings with Lindy Burns' on September 12th. They chatted about bariatric surgery, helping to ensure a better understanding of the procedure in our community. With the BSR data, Prof Brown enlightened listeners on the long-term outcomes achieved by those undergoing bariatric procedures. Listen to the podcast:

<http://www.abc.net.au/radio/melbourne/programs/evenings/writes-and-cures/8908446>

SBS aired its three-part documentary, 'The Obesity Myth.' The series showcases the challenging journeys of obese patients from Austin Health's weight loss programme.

The series is available on SBS on Demand.

The BSR feels it is essential that the discussion of obesity and bariatric surgery is taking place in the public arena, promoting a greater understanding and acceptance of obesity as a disease.

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Joint Scientific Meeting October 4-6

Members of the BSR team will travel to Adelaide for the conference. The BSR will be sharing a space with OSSANZ and will be on hand to discuss the Registry. Please come say hello as it is always wonderful to put a name to a face!

The Bariatric Surgery Registry will be presented as an oral abstract on the Thursday afternoon, Concurrent Session #11 OSSANZ Surgical - Free papers.

For more information on registering to participate with the BSR or any other queries, please contact the BSR. Your support of this important health initiative is sincerely appreciated!

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Current Hospital Status Report for 146 Australian and 14 New Zealand Hospitals where surgeons can provide bariatricsurgery

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State	Approved Sites		Approved (Other)	Sites in Progress	Ethics/Locality Approvals Yet to Commence	Total
	Not Contributing	Contributing*				
NSW/ACT	6	24	4	5	10	53
QLD	2	20	0	3	1	38
SA/NT	0	19	0	4	0	19
TAS	1	4	0	0	0	4
VIC	5	31	3	1		71
WA	1	9	1	1	1	31
Aus Total	15	97	8	14	12	146
NZ Total	-	-	-	-	14	14

Hospital Type	Approved Sites		Approved (Other)	Sites in Progress	Sites Remaining
	Not Contributing	Contributing			
Aus Private	14	75	1 closed facility	10	7
Aus Public	1	22	7	4	5
NZ Private	-	-	-	-	7
NZ Public	-	-	-	-	7
Total	15	97	8	14	26

Hospital Participation in Australia			Percent of Total AUS Sites at September 2017**
	Previous Report	September 2017	
Hospitals known to do bariatrics	**136	**138	
Hospitals with ethics	**105	**112	81.2
Contributing	86	97	70.3

** Adjusted for "Approved Other"



The 12 Australian hospitals yet to commence ethics are listed below:

Organization Name	Public/Private	State/Province	Hospital Group
Holroyd Private Hospital	Private	NSW	
Blacktown Hospital	Public	NSW	
Macquarie University Hospital	Private	NSW	
St Luke's Private Hospital	Private	NSW	
Waratah Private Hospital	Private	NSW	
Dubbo Private Hospital	Private	NSW	HealthECare
Orange Health Service	Public	NSW	
Port Macquarie Base Hospital	Public	NSW	
Gold Coast University Hospital	Public	QLD	
Maitland Private Hospital	Private	NSW	
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	Public	WA	
Delmar Private Hospital	Private	NSW	

Current status of 227 surgeons on the CRM (Insightly) database of which 31 are still not enlisted to participate * Includes retired surgeons

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	At Sites with Ethics		Enlisted but not at approved site	Not Enlisted		Total
	Not Contributing	*Contributing		At Site with Ethics	At Site yet to get ethics	
NSW/ACT	10	31	1	7	6	55
QLD	4	26	1	7	1	38
SA/NT	*1	16	1	0	1	19*
TAS	2	3	0	1	0	6
VIC	6	*56	0	3		65*
WA	0	22	1	3	0	26
Aus Total	*23	*154	4	21	8	209*
NZ			15		3	18

Surgeon Participation in Australia			At Sept 2017
	Previous Report	September 2017	Percent of Total Bariatric Surgeons
Surgeons known to do bariatrics		*209	
All surgeons at sites with ethics	193	*197	94.2
Registered Interest	180	*180	86.1
Enlisted and at sites with ethics	169	*176	84.2
Contributing*	134	*154	73.7



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Hospitals with Ethics Approval

Albury-Wodonga Private Hospital
Ashford Private Hospital
Austin Hospital
Austin Repatriation Hospital
Baringa Private Hospital
Belmont District Hospital
Bethesda Hospital
Box Hill Hospital
Brisbane Waters Hospital
Cabrini Hospital Brighton
Cabrini Hospital Malvern
Cairns Private Hospital
Calvary Central District Hospital
Calvary North Adelaide Hospital
Calvary Riverina Hospital
Calvary St Vincent's
Calvary Wakefield Hospital
Campbelltown Private Hospital
Castle Hill Day Surgery
Concord Repatriation General
Darwin Private Hospital
Dudley Private Hospital
Epworth Eastern Hospital
Epworth Freemasons Hospital
Epworth Geelong Hospital
Epworth Richmond Hospital
Flinders Medical Centre
Flinders Private Hospital
Footscray Hospital
Geelong Private Hospital
Gold Coast Private Hospital
Glen Iris Private
Glengarry Private Hospital
Gosford Private Hospital
Gosford Public Hospital
Greenslopes Private Hospital
Hamilton Hospital
Hobart Private Hospital
Hollywood Private Hospital
Holy Spirit Northside Hospital
Hospital for Specialist Surgery
Hurstville Private Hospital

Ipswich General Hospital
Jessie McPherson Private Hospital
John Fawcner Private Hospital
John Flynn Private Hospital
John Hunter Hospital
Joondalup Health Campus
Kareena Private Hospital
Kawana Private Hospital
Knox Private Hospital
Lake Macquarie Private Hospital
Latrobe Regional Hospital
Launceston General Hospital
Linacre Private Hospital
Lingard Private Hospital
Maryvale Private Hospital
Mater Private North Sydney
Mater Misericordiae Rockhampton
Mater Private Pimlico
Mildura Base Hospital
Mildura Private Hospital
Mitcham Private Hospital
Monash Medical Centre
The Mount Private Hospital
Nambour Selangor Private Hospital
National Capital Private Hospital
Nepean Private Hospital
Newcastle Private Hospital
Noosa Private Hospital
North Shore Private Hospital
North West Private
Hospital (Brisbane)
North West Private (Burnie) Hospital
Northpark Private Hospital
Norwest Private Hospital
Nowra Private Hospital
Peninsula Private Hospital
Pindara Private Hospital
Port Macquarie Private Hospital
Prince of Wales Private Hospital
Princess Alexandra Hospital
Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital

Repatriation General Hospital
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
Royal Hobart Hospital
Royal North Shore Hospital
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
St Andrew's Ipswich Private Hospital
St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital
St George Private Hospital
St John of God Ballarat
St John of God Berwick
St John of God Bunbury
St John of God Geelong
St John of God Geraldton
St John of God Lawley
St John of God Murdoch
St John of God Subiaco
St John of God Warrnambool
St Vincent's Private Hospital-Fitzroy
St Vincent's Public Hospital
Shepparton Private Hospital
Southern Highlands Private Hospital
Strathfield Private Hospital
Sunnybank Private Hospital
Sunshine Hospital
Sunshine Coast Private Hospital
Sunshine Coast Private Hospital
Sydney Adventist Hospital
Sydney Southwest Private Hospital
The Alfred Hospital
The Avenue Private Hospital
The Valley Private Hospital
The Wesley Hospital
Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital
Waikiki Private Hospital
Wangaratta Private Hospital
Warringal Private Hospital
Westmead Private Hospital
Western Private Hospital
Waverly Private Hospital
Williamstown Hospital