

Cut off Dates for Annual Report Data

The current reporting period for the Registry is drawing to a close. For inclusion in this year's Annual Report, **operations must be entered by June 27th and follow-ups entered by July 11th**. For Australian surgeons using paper forms, please send them as soon as possible for Registry staff to have time to enter them prior to these deadlines.

Registry Snapshot as of the 14th of June:

*Over 67,000 participants enrolled
with an opt out rate of 3.18%!*

Seventh Annual Report Coming in September

This year's report will be the most comprehensive report on the outcomes of bariatric surgery in Australia and will introduce reporting for New Zealand.

The number of participants is expected to reach at least **70,000** for the report, an increase of more than 22,000 in the past 12 months. Whilst participant numbers are steadily increasing, the opt out rate has continued to decrease since June 2018. At time of writing, the opt out rate is at 3.18%.

Registry Phone Calls to Participants

When the Registry's Call Centre staff telephone participants for follow-up information, they use a set call script. Staff will initially identify themselves as calling from Monash University (AUS) or the University of Auckland (NZ) until they can confirm that they are speaking with the participant. Once consent is given for the phone call to continue, a few short questions are asked regarding their health and weight since their operation. The call is designed to be brief and cover the current weight of the participant, their current diabetes status and whether or not they have had another operation in the past 12 months. Whilst the Registry's staff may ask the participant to

confirm their hospital, procedure and/or surgeon, it **does not** gather nor ask for any information regarding the hospital or surgeon during these calls.

The scripts used during these follow up calls have been reviewed and approved by the ethics committees with oversight for the study.

If you would like more information about these procedures, please contact your local Registry team (see last page for details).

New Zealand Update

Locality applications are progressing for District Health Board (DHB) sites yet to be approved for the Registry.

Privacy Impact Assessments (PIA) were introduced at the end of last year by the DHBs as a requirement for locality applications for studies involving health information data.

At the same time, the Registry's protocol was undergoing significant changes reflecting the requirements of privacy legislations both in Australia and New Zealand.

NZ and AUS Registry staff consulted with UniServices' Privacy Officer who provided a helpful insight on how to complete it. Once the protocol changes were approved by the Australian HRECs and New Zealand HDEC, the first PIA was submitted to Waitemata DHB which has subsequently approved it.

Registry staff are optimistic that further assessments are accepted following feedback received from the Waitemata DHB which commended the Registry on a "well written and comprehensive PIA" and requested that it be used " as an exemplar" within their DHB.

New Australian Site Approvals

The recent ethics submissions included the addition of more than 30 new Australian sites.

Whilst ethics approval has been granted for all new sites (outside of WA, see below), site governance approvals are still in progress for most of the new additions.

Data can now be submitted for the following sites:

- Dubbo Private Hospital
- St Vincent's Hospital, Toowoomba
- Western Hospital (SA)
- Hillcrest Private Hospital
- Wollongong Private Hospital
- Holmesglen Private Hospital

Recruitment Suspended for Public WA Health Sites

The Registry was advised in May 2019 by WA's South Metropolitan Health Service that "no further identifiable information can be sent off site without patient consent, as per the Health Services Act 2016." The WA Department of Health is currently looking to apply to a Data Custodian for release of this information "if consent is impracticable." Following this update, the decision was made to halt recruitment of bariatric patients from Fiona Stanley Hospital, which was the only active WA Health site from the South Metropolitan Health Service at the time of the notice. The applications for other WA Health sites, including Sir Charles Gairdner, are also on hold until a process with a Data Custodian is made available. An update will be provided when available.

Please note that this decision does not apply to West Australia's private hospitals which adhere to the federal legislation.

Quality and safety registries require near total data capture of potentially eligible participants to ensure reliable reporting of outcomes. Due to the size and scale of the Registry, the opt out approach to participation is used, along with a waiver of consent in certain circumstances. Identifiable health information may be collected, used, and disclosed for the purpose of medical research according to Section 95A of the *Privacy Act 1988 Cth* (2014), the legislation of other Australian jurisdictions, and New Zealand's *Health*

Information Privacy Code 1994, provided ethics approval is granted.

For further information about the ethical considerations using the opt out approach, please refer to the Registry's study protocol available online.

https://www.monash.edu/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1728154/Bariatric-Surgery-Registry_Protocol-v5.0_18February-2019.Clean.pdf

Surgeon Stapling and Device Audit

To date, more than 80% of contributing surgeons completed the Stapling and Device Audit. The audit helps to verify the data regarding the staples and devices recorded in the Registry. When evaluating surgical outcomes for procedures, the utilisation of devices should be considered.

This information will also be useful for the upcoming BSR-*i* system changes, which will feature a "Favourites" option when entering the device information.

Going forward, the audit will be conducted on an annual basis.

BSR-*i* System Updates

Changes to the online interface, the BSR-*i*, will be implemented over the coming month.

These updates should greatly improve the user experience, especially with completing the follow-up data. A new User Manual will be provided explaining the changes and an online training video will be made available.

Submitting Peri-operative Follow-up Data

Many questions are asked about the 20-90 data window for perioperative follow-up data. The critical information wanted regarding this period is whether the patient had an **unplanned hospital readmission, unplanned return to theatre, unplanned ICU admission, and/or mortality within the 90-day post-operative period.**

Please state the perioperative follow-up date as either the actual date of following up with the patient; or, the date when you can

confirm that the patient had none of the above issues. Surgeons should be aware of how their patients are faring following their operation.

You are asked to **please not complete** Perioperative Follow-up as '**BSR to follow up**'.

Example: The patient had a review at 2 weeks and not due for review until 6 months. Your rooms did not hear about any of the above issues suffered by the patient within the 90 days. The date you give as the follow-up date is a date as of which you/your rooms/health service can state that the patient had none of these issues, such as the 2 or three month anniversary of the surgery.

Contact Jenifer Cottrell if you need further clarification, T: 03 9903 0721, or E: jenifer.cottrell@monash.edu

Recognising Star Staff

The Registry received an unprecedented number of nominations this period for staff worthy of recognition for Outstanding Merit. It is wonderful to hear about how much these individuals are appreciated by their colleagues and employers. The nominations received for the period 25 March-21 June are acknowledged below.

*I would like to nominate my practice manager **Donna Kelly** as a Star Staff as she spends a lot of time and effort arranging the registry contribution paperwork and chasing up patients. (Dr Jason Free)*

*Dr Hatzifotis would like to recognise **Karen Bruun** who takes care of the Bariatric Surgery Registry for Surgery Brisbane.*

*I would like to please nominate my PA **Laura Kilner** for her great working in entering my private bariatric patients to the BSR. (Miss Salena Ward)*

*Can I please nominate **Jill McKittrick** from our office. She does such a wonderful job keeping the registry documentation up to date. (Annette Supple @ Dr George Petrou)*

*I'd like to nominate **Karen** who has done a fantastic job getting all our BSR data in. (Dr Stephen Wilkinson AM)*

*I would like to nominate our two research officers who do the hard work: **Jessica Reid** and **Jessie Bennette**. We could not do without them! (Dr Markus Trochsler)*

*I wish to nominate my colleague **Fiona Jahnke** for doing a great job keeping our Bariatric Registry up to date. (Vikki Blore @ Dr Phil Lockie)*

*I would like to nominate my Clinical Nurse **Meegan Bartlem** for recognition as she does all the work submitting data for the Registry and I would be truly lost without her! She is definitely Star Staff! (Dr Andrew Russell)*

*I would like to nominate my staff that assist greatly: **Cara Geeves** and **Karen Endycott** (Rosemary Mason @Circle of Care-Drs R Brancatisano and M Boccola)*

*I would like to nominate **Natalie Studwick**, our practice manager, clinical nurse, specialist and research co-ordinator for this year. Nat's done a great job collating and entering data, co-ordinating research, organising clinical placements for medical students with the practice as well as dedicated laparoscopic, bariatric endoscopic and robotic operating lists and all the other clinical demands of a busy practice at the same time. She deserves a gold star. (Dr Kiron Bhatia)*

*I would like to nominate our Manager Mrs **Claire Smith** for recognition for her role in keeping her 3 surgeons under some sort of control relating to data input to the registry. Claire is very patient with her team. (Prof Jeff Hamdorf AM and Western Surgical Services)*

*Please put **Jenny Selway** and **Jan Armstrong** on your list for terrific staff nurses. They are beavering away at the forms and they are great. We certainly know they are wonderful (Kathleen Janson @Complete Weight Loss Solutions)*

I would like to nominate **Silvia Silva**, our nurse practitioner who does all the BSR data collection and submission to the BSR database. She is doing a fantastic job following up on all patients who have had surgery and making sure their reviews are monitored and all relevant data regarding their involvement in the programme noted. She is a highly respected and valued staff. (Digna Magsino-Tjoe, Practice Manager @Dr John Jorgensen)

I would like to nominate **Janet Isaac** my bariatric practice manager. Janet is hard working dedicated person. She puts in a huge effort in filling in the BSR forms...She contacts patients and encourages them to attend follow up clinics. Many come to clinic to talk to her as she has an excellent dialogue with the patients. She makes it a point to fill follow up forms when they attend clinic. (Dr Govind Krishna)

I would like to nominate **Esther Schaumann**. She is the only nurse at the Gold Coast Private Hospital trying to follow up post patients for 2 surgeons with over a thousand patients. She is someone who works hard, loves to be involved in theatre & doing research. (Dr Victor Liew)

Can I nominate **Paige Sweeney**...Who is the only reason why we have any data in the registry at all !!!!! (Assoc Prof Harsha Chandraratna)

Can I "re-nominate" **Kelly Sanguinetti** as I feel that she is the "star" in getting our data as complete as possible. Her commitment is "above and beyond" towards Mr Ahmad Aly and myself. Her job description does not stipulate BSR commitments, however she goes out of her way to keep the registry up to date and keep us in line. I truly value her input. I have not nominated her in the past. (Mr Kiat Lim)

Congratulations to all nominated for a Certificate of Outstanding Merit. A complete list of all those who have been recognised to date are listed below.

Contact the Registry to nominate your staff who are the "glue" for your practice!

Nominees can also include your hospital data collectors. Upon receiving staff nominations, the Registry reviews the recent efforts made on behalf of the practice and confers a Certificate for Outstanding Merit to deserving nominees.

Nominations made prior to the next newsletter will be mentioned and all nominees for that period will go into a draw for a \$100 VISA gift card. Due to the number of nominations, two names were drawn as winners of a \$100 Card for this period. The lucky winners are: Silvia Silva and Karen Endycott.

Outstanding Merit 2018-2019

Milly England (VIC)

Kelly Sanguinetti (VIC)

Rebecca Wade (VIC)

Shelley Lisle (VIC)

Cheryl Hansen (VIC)

Fiona Prosser (VIC)

Melanie Papadopoulos(VIC)

Donna Kelly (QLD)

Karen Bruun (QLD)

Jill McKittrick (NSW)

Karen Herbert (TAS)

Jessica Reid (SA)

Jessie Bennett (SA)

Fiona Jahnke (QLD)

Meegan Bartlem (QLD)

Cara Geeves (NSW)

Karen Endycott (NSW)

Natalie Studwick (VIC)

Claire Smith (WA)

Jenny Selway (VIC)

Jan Armstrong (VIC)

Silvia Silva (NSW)

Janet Isaac (NSW)

Laura Kilner (VIC)

Esther Schaumann (QLD)

Paige Sweeney (WA)

Current Hospital Participation Report for Hospital Sites where Bariatric Surgery is Provided

As at 14 June 2019

State	Approved Sites		Sites in Progress	Ethics/Locality Approvals Yet to Commence	Total
	Not Contributing	Contributing			
NSW/ACT	4	31	19	5	59
QLD	6	22	0	0	28
SA/NT	0	10	3	0	13
TAS	0	5	0	0	5
VIC	8	33	5	1	47
WA	2	8	3	1	14
AUS Total	20	109	31	7	167
NZ Total	5	7	10	0	22

	Approved Sites		Sites in Progress	Sites To Do
	Not Contributing	Contributing		
AUS Private	13	86	14	7
AUS Public	7	23	16	0
NZ Private	2	6	4	0
NZ Public	3	1	6	0
Total	25	116	41	7

Hospital Participation in Australia		
	Previous Report	June 2019
Hospitals known to do bariatric surgery	162	167
Hospitals with ethics approval	125	129
Contributing	105	109

Hospital Participation in New Zealand	
	June 2019
Hospitals known to do bariatric surgery	22
Hospitals with ethics approval	12
Contributing	7

Current Report of Surgeon Participation

As at 14 June 2019

	At Sites with Ethics Approval		Enlisted but not at site with ethics approval	Not Enlisted		Total
	Not Contributing	Contributing		At site with ethics approval	At site yet to get ethics approval	
NSW/ACT	6	42	5	7	2	62
QLD	6	29	0	6	1	42
SA/NT	6	14	1	0	0	21
TAS	2	3	0	0	0	5
VIC	6	54	1	1	0	62
WA	6	22	1	2	0	31
AUS Total	32	164	8	16	3	223
NZ	7	11	2	1	4	25
Total	39	175	10	17	7	248

Surgeon Participation in Australia	June 2019	Percent of Total # of Bariatric Surgeons at a Site with Ethics Approval
Surgeons known to do bariatric surgery	223	(100%)
Enlisted	212	95.1%
Surgeons at sites with ethics approval	204	91.4%
Enlisted and at sites with ethics approval	196	92.4%
Contributing at approved sites	164	80.4%

Surgeon Participation in New Zealand	June 2019	Percent of Total # of Bariatric Surgeons at a Site with Ethics Approval
Surgeons known to do bariatric surgery	25	(100%)
Enlisted	20	75%
Surgeons at sites with ethics approval	19	75%
Enlisted and at sites with ethics approval	18	75 %
Contributing	11	57.9 %

Australian Hospitals with Ethics Approval

Albury-Wodonga Private Hospital
 Ashford Private Hospital
 Austin Hospital
 Baringa Private Hospital
 Belmont District Hospital
 Box Hill Hospital
 Brisbane Waters Private Hospital
 Buderim Private 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 Hospital
 Calvary Wakefield Hospital
 Campbelltown Private Hospital
 Concord Repatriation General Hospital
 Darwin Private Hospital
 Dubbo Private Hospital
 Epworth Eastern Hospital
 Epworth Freemasons Hospital
 Epworth Geelong Hospital
 Epworth Richmond Hospital
 Fiona Stanley Hospital
 Flinders Medical Centre
 Flinders Private Hospital
 Footscray Hospital
 Glen Iris Private
 Glengarry Private Hospital
 Gold Coast Private Hospital
 Gosford Private Hospital
 Gosford Hospital
 Greenslopes Private Hospital
 Hamilton Hospital
 Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital
 Hillcrest Private Hospital
 Hobart Private Hospital
 Holmesglen Private Hospital
 Hollywood Private Hospital
 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
 Lakeview Private Hospital
 Latrobe Regional Hospital
 Launceston General Hospital
 Lingard Private Hospital
 Maryvale Private Hospital
 Mater Health Services North Queensland
 Mater Misericordiae Mackay
 Mater Hospital (North Sydney)

Mater Private Hospital (Redland)
 Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton
 Mater Private Hospital (Springfield)
 Mildura Base Hospital
 Mildura Health Private Hospital
 Mitcham Private Hospital
 Monash Medical Centre
 Mount Hospital
 Mulgrave 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 Hospital (Burnie)
 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
 Shepparton Private Hospital
 Southern Highlands Private Hospital
 St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital
 St Andrew's-Ipswich Private Hospital
 St George Private Hospital
 St John of God Hospital Ballarat
 St John of God Hospital Bendigo
 St John of God Hospital Berwick
 St John of God Hospital Bunbury
 St John of God Hospital Geelong
 St John of God Hospital Geraldton
 St John of God Hospital Mt Lawley
 St John of God Hospital Murdoch
 St John of God Hospital Subiaco
 St John of God Hospital Warrnambool
 St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
 St Vincent's Private Hospital (Fitzroy)
 St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside
 St Vincent's Private Hospital Toowoomba
 Strathfield Private Hospital
 Sunnybank Private Hospital
 Sunshine Coast University Private Hospital
 Sunshine Hospital
 Sydney Adventist Hospital
 Sydney Southwest Private Hospital
 The Alfred Hospital

The Avenue Private Hospital
 The Wesley Hospital
 Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital
 Waikiki Private Hospital
 Wangaratta Private Hospital
 Warringal Private Hospital
 Waverley Private Hospital
 Western Hospital (SA)
 Western Private Hospital (VIC)
 Westmead Private Hospital
 Williamstown Hospital
 Wollongong Private Hospital

New Zealand Hospitals with Ethics Approval

Auckland City Hospital
 Chelsea Hospital Gisborne
 Gisborne Hospital
 Grace Hospital Tauranga
 Middlemore Hospital
 Ormiston Hospital
 St George's Hospital
 Southern Cross Hospital Christchurch
 Southern Cross Hospital Hamilton
 Southern Cross Hospital North Harbour
 Southern Cross Hospital Wellington
 Southland Hospital

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