



The Bariatric Surgery Registry Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Bariatric Surgery Registry (BSR) Newsletter! We hope you find this edition informative and interesting.

Surgeon and Annual Report

The Annual Report has now been finalised and will be circulated once ratified by the Steering Committee. We have done well to accrue 62 sites by 30 June, and have over 50% of surgeons registered to participate. Thank you all for your support over this roll out period. We hope to have the roll out complete in the next 12 months.

Individual surgeon reports are currently being prepared and will be circulated in October. These may not completely reflect your

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surgical activity at the time, as it may be that there are hospitals where you work that are not yet contributing. However, we hope that the reports will give you an idea of the potential of the Registry to benchmark your practice once roll out is complete.

BSR-i

As mentioned in Issue 3 of the BSR Newsletter, we have recently completed work on our online database known as, **BSR-i**. The BSR-i provides surgeons and their staff the option to enter patient data directly into our online database, eliminating the need for hard copy forms.

To make the transition even easier, we are offering training for surgeons and their staff via regular Webinars. We also have developed a YouTube Training Video available for those of you who feel confident skipping the webinar training:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HG DHz7 ELBk&feature=youtu.be>

For training webinar times please email Brittany.Smith@monsh.edu

If a practice would prefer to continue returning the hard copy forms to the Registry than this is also acceptable. We want to make participation as easy as possible!

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process, and as we roll the BSR-i out we will be offering training for surgeons and their staff via regular Webinars. Once enrolled with the on-line database, practices will also have follow-up reminders emailed to them.

If, however, a practice wishes to continue returning the hard copy forms to the registry then this will continue to be an option. There is no compulsion to use the electronic interface. We are continuing to work with developers on a more seamless entry of data and will keep you updated as the work progresses.

Device Information

As the BSR is primarily a quality and safety registry, we are attempting to track the performance of devices. As such, we require information on all implantable devices you use in your bariatric procedures.

If you are using hard copy forms, simply place stickers on the datasheets from all devices used in bariatric procedures this includes, bands and staplers. We do not need individual cartridge stickers – just the type of stapler used, and the first reload.

If you are using the BSR-i, please select the devices from the drop down list. We do have a field for lot/serial number but if you do not have this information, please just enter xxxxx. It is not critical information for us.

Rollout!

As of 14th of September, the BSR now has a total of 72 approved sites across Australia. This compares with 62 approved sites in June 2015

We also have 82 surgeons currently contributing which is a big increase in the last few months – thank you to all of you that have started sending in your forms or filling in your data online. It's been a wonderful effort from the profession to get such a high capture rate.

There are 6,490 patients who have consented to participate, with a 240 choosing to opt off, and 20 to partially opt-off (meaning the registry cannot contact them).

We still have some way to go, but we are making good progress!

State	Approved Sites	Sites In progress	Sites Remaining
NSW	12	2	38
NT	0	0	1
QLD	11	0	21
SA	8	0	5
TAS	4	0	1
VIC	30	0	12
WA	7	1	7
ACT	0	0	3
	72	4	88

BSR Information nights

To date we have held numerous successful information sessions for surgeons and their teams. We have visited practices from Tasmania, Melbourne, Wagga Wagga, Brisbane, Townsville and Sydney.

The aim of these evenings is to familiarise surgeons and their staff with the BSR and the process's involved. Equally, we also like to use the information evenings to thank participating surgeons and their staff for their contribution to the Registry.

If you would like us to visit your practice or organise an event in your area, please let Charity or Brittany know.

OSSANZ Conference

It's that time of year again and the BSR team is off to Hamilton Island to participate in the OSSANZ/ANZGOSA conference from 6 – 10 October.

The BSR will also have a stall set up with brochures, posters and flyers available for your practise. Otherwise, just come by and say hello we'd love to meet you and discuss the aims of the Registry and our achievements so far!

Thank you!

We hope you have enjoyed reading the fourth issue of the BSR quarterly newsletter. We look forward to keeping you informed about the developments of the Registry. Thank you all again for your support, contribution and interest!

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