

Back on Track

The Registry staff wish to extend sincere gratitude to everyone who kept up with submission of Registry data and completed requests for missing data, in light of the challenges of last year. [This issue recognises the Leading and Valued Contributors for 2020.](#)



The Melbourne team is grateful to be back in office after 9 months of working from home. The team in Auckland is still in and out of office but are operating as usual.

Two Melbourne staff departed at the start of the year, advancing their research careers. Notably, the Programme Manager, Brooke Backman, was approached last December to lead a new project at the Royal Women's Melbourne, managing 9 new clinical trials. Ethics Assistant Nilab Hamidi accepted an appointment in January with a new Monash study for women's health. They will be greatly missed, but are wished every success.

Follow-up Data Needed

As the last quarter of the current annual reporting period approaches, the Registry is requesting outstanding follow-up data. The Registry's funding agreement with the Commonwealth stipulates a 90% completion rate be met.

Perioperative follow-up must be completed by the surgeon or the surgeon's team who provided the operation details. It is expected that all surgeons will know whether or not their patients had an unplanned ICU admission, returned to theatre, or were re-admitted to hospital in the 90 days after surgery.

Completing this follow-up is simple. If the patient had none of the described events in the 90 days (3 months) after surgery, the 3-month anniversary date is all that has to be entered to complete the follow-up. This date confirms that the patient has had no event reported in their medical record.

The data collected to date by the Registry indicates a low rate of any adverse event, which is when some additional information is required. If the patient returned to theatre, this procedure needs to be submitted as an 'unplanned revision'. For hospital

readmissions or unplanned ICU admissions, the reason for this is required, and a description of the admission should be provided in the Comments box.

Annual follow-up data (weight and diabetes status) can be collected from any contact made with the patient. It is suggested that any time a patient makes contact with the practice or clinic, to obtain information about their weight and well-being. This not only helps with Registry data collection, but can also boost patient relationships.

The Registry wants to help make this process as easy for surgeons and their teams as possible. Please contact the Registry if help is required to get this vitally important data submitted.

Data Form Submission (AU Only)

Mailing of data forms is preferred and is reliable. Faxing continues to cause many issues for a number of surgeons. Please contact the Registry for post-paid envelopes.

When a fax is sent without a cover sheet, staff cannot be certain if the fax was successful. Unfortunately, there have been many instances when faxes were discovered to not have been sent successfully long after forms are destroyed. If faxing is used, please keep the forms sent as a precautionary measure.

If faxing, have a cover sheet which states the number of forms and includes a contact phone number in case of faxing error.

The recent changes to New Zealand's Privacy Act do not allow any health information to be sent by fax.

Registry Webinar Training

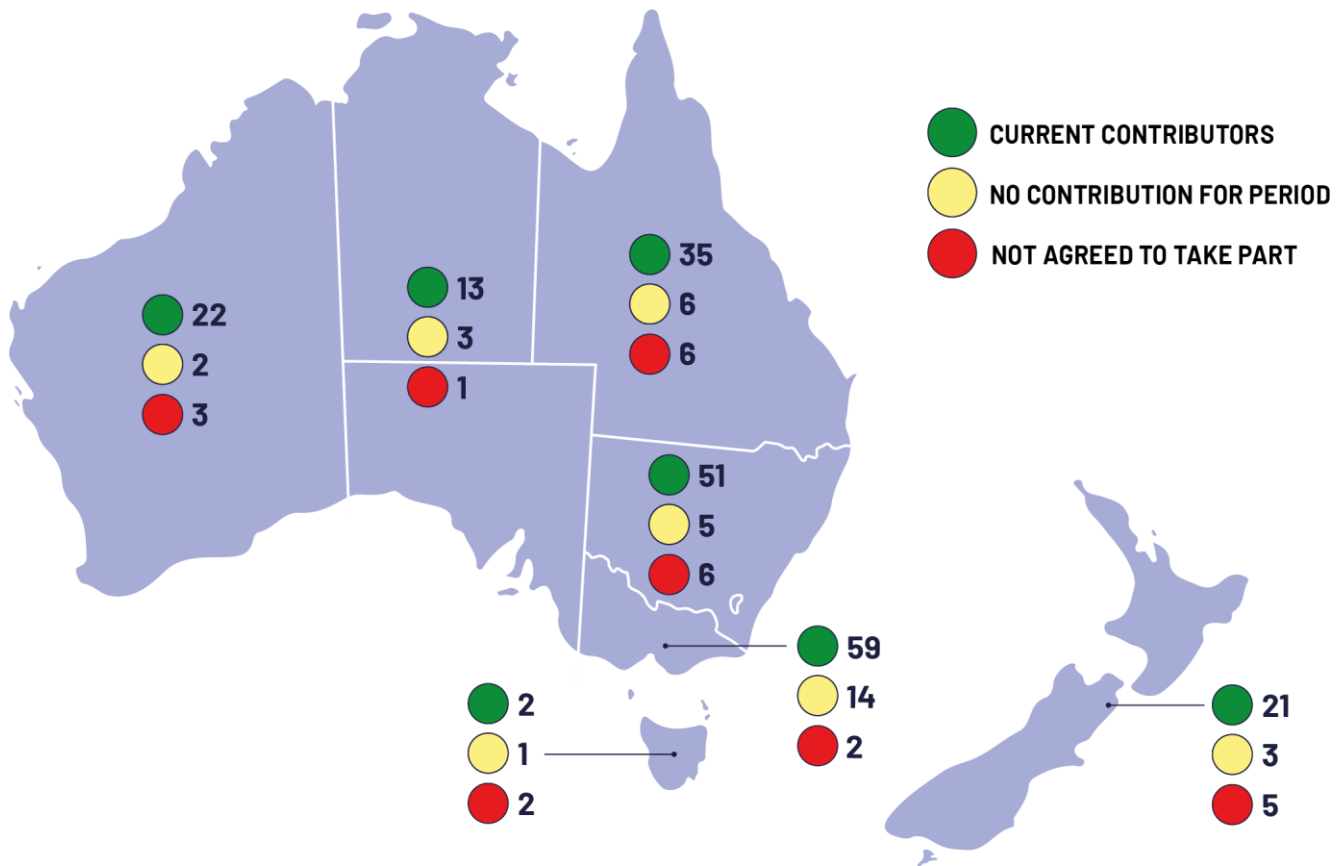
New to the Registry or need a refresher? Webinar training is available to anyone in Australia or New Zealand any weekday, including out of hours. Email Jenifer.cottrell@monash.edu to organise a session.

THE BARIATRIC SURGERY REGISTRY

- Over 100,000 bariatric patients
- More than 114,000 procedures
- Nearly 200,000 follow-ups completed

Current Report of Surgeon Participation

Report Period for the 6 months prior to 15 March 2021



Bariatric Surgeon Participation (Australia and New Zealand)	March 2021	Percent Bariatric Surgeons
Surgeons known to do bariatric surgery	270	(100%)
Surgeons at approved sites	261	96% eligible to take part
Enlisted and at approved site	239	92.% of those eligible agreed to take part
Enlisted, but not at approved sites	7	3% are unable to start as their site is not yet approved
Contributing of those enlisted and at approved sites	204	85% of those eligible have contributed over last 6 m.
Surgeons known to do bariatric surgery but have not agreed to take part	24	9 % of bariatric surgeons

Current Report of Hospital Participation where Bariatric Surgery is Provided

Report Period for the 6 months prior to 15 March 2021

Hospital Participation in Australia	March 2021
Hospitals known to do bariatric surgery	150
Hospitals with ethics approval	129
Contributing	121 (94% of eligible sites)

Hospital Participation in New Zealand	March 2021
Hospitals known to do bariatric surgery	26 (inc 1 day centre)
Hospitals with ethics approval	20
Contributing	18 (90% of eligible sites)

State	Approved Sites		Sites in Progress	Ethics/Locality Approvals Yet to Commence	TOTAL
	Not Contributing	Contributing			
NSW/ACT	1 (new site)	39	14	0	54
QLD	4	25	1	0	30
SA/NT	0	10	0	1	11
TAS	0	4	0	0	4
VIC	1	35	0	1	37
WA	2 (1 new site)	8	4	0	14
AUS Total	8	121	19	2	150
NZ Total	2	18	4	2	26
TOTAL	10	139	23	4	

	Approved Sites		Sites in Progress	Sites To Do
	Not Contributing	Contributing		
AUS Private	8	101	8	2
AUS Public	0	20	11	0
NZ Private	0	13	0	2
NZ Public	2	5	4	0
TOTAL	10	139	23	3

Leading and Valued Contributors

Many surgeons and their staff exceeded the Registry's expectations for 2020 with their commitment to staying on top of their Registry data, ensuring that they had at least 70% of their follow-up completed. Whilst 80% completion rate is the usual benchmark for valued and leading contributor status, the hardship of 2020 for many practices is recognised.

Surgeons who attain these contribution levels receive a certificate recognising their status and are able to use the contributor level logo.



Surgeons who have at least 100 operations in the Registry, contributed at least 20 operations performed in the year, along with a follow-up completion rate of 70% are recognised for their outstanding level of participation in the Bariatric Surgery Registry.

The 2020 Leading Contributors are:

NEW SOUTH WALES

Boccola, Mark
 Brancatisano, Roy
 Budge, Joel
 Chau, James
 Devadas, Michael
 Harrison, Richard
 Hehir, Mark
 Jameson, Carolyn
 Jorgensen, John
 Joseph, David
 Karihaloo, Costa
 Khaleal, Fadil
 Krishna, Govind
 Kuzinkovas, Vytauras
 Le Page, Phil
 Leibman, Steven
 Loi, Ken
 Maani, Jason
 Martin, David
 McLeod, Garth
 Munro, William
 Peck, Nigel
 Petrou, George
 Ramsay, Andrew
 Ryan, Brendan
 Smith, Garrett
 Talbot, Michael

Taylor, Craig
 Williams, Nick
 Wright, Timothy
 Yee, Gary

QUEENSLAND

Adib, Reza
 Baker, Sam
 Barbour, Andrew
 Baxter, Ian
 Bowden, Blair
 Copp, John
 Daoud, Mark
 Dodd, Ben
 Finch, Robert
 Hatzifotis, Michael
 Hopkins, George
 Jordaan, Jacobus
 Liew, Victor
 Lockie, Philip
 McLeod, Garth
 Martin, Ian
 Russell, Andrew
 Shaw, Ian
 Silverman, Candice
 Willingham, Evan

NORTHERN TERRITORY AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Bessell, Justin
 Chalooob, Salim
 Chisholm, Jacob
 Kow, Lilian
 Shenfine, Jon
 Treacy, John

TASMANIA

Pande, Girish Kumar
 Wilkinson, Stephen

VICTORIA

Abbas, Douraid
 Aly, Ahmad
 Arnold, Janine
 Bhatia, Kiron
 Bringmann, Ingra
 Brown, Wendy
 Burton, Paul
 Chan, David
 Chen, Richard
 Cheng, Yuan
 Cichowitz, Adam
 Clifforth, Stephen
 Clough, Anthony
 Crosthwaite, Gary
 Dhir, Arun
 Draper, Geoffrey
 Dubrava, Zdenek
 Eaton, Stuart
 Frydenberg, Harry
 Goodall-Wilson, Darrin
 Hensman, Chris
 Hii, Michael
 Lim, Kiat
 Loh, Damien
 Low, Liang
 McHenry, Raymond
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Michell, Ian
Moore, Patrick
Nottle, Peter
Packiyathan, Andrew
Saravanamuttu, Aravinathan
Scott, David
Shimokawa, Kontoku
Skidmore, Adam
Skinner, Stewart
Smith, Andrew
Tog, Chek Heng
Ward, Salena
Winnett, Jason

WEST AUSTRALIA

Armstrong, Jon
Basson, Johannes
Chandraratna, Harsha
Cohen, Leon
Epari, Krishna
Gounder, Siva
Hamdorf, Jeff
Henderson, Matthew
Koong, David
Moroz, Paul
Taylor, Susan
Thomas, Alan
Watson, Stephen
Werapitiya, Senarath
Yong, David

NEW ZEALAND

Booth, Michael
Cable, Robert
Coulter, Grant
Flint, Richard
Morrow, Jon
Schroeder, David
Ulmer, Stephanie

Recognising that many surgical practices' and hospitals' staffing was impacted across Australia and in NZ by work restrictions in 2020, the minimum follow-up completion rate required to achieve Valued status for 2020 is lowered to 50% (from 80%), still recognising the hard work and commitment to the Registry. Surgeons who met that target and have contributed at least 30 operations to the Registry, are recognised as Valued Contributors for 2020.

The 2020 Valued Contributors are:

NEW SOUTH WALES and ACT

Budak, Ulvi
Crawford, Michael
Ghosh, Simon
Hamer, Peter
Ho, Shirhan
Hook, Henry
Mosse, Charles
Wong, Kenneth



QUEENSLAND

Andrews, Nicole
Askew, James
Cheng, Anthony
Free, Jason
Mitchell, David
Puhalla, Harald
Wong, Jason

NORTHERN TERRITORY AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Kanhere, Harsh
Toonson, Philip
Trochsler, Markus

VICTORIA

Atalla, Mo
Freeman, Lara
Gan, Philip
Ghadiri, Jane
Kalogeropoulos, George
Keong, Ben
Lim, Ernest
Lu, Chris

WEST AUSTRALIA

Ballal, Mo
Blackham, Ruth
Gong, Bill
Kariyawasam, Sanjeeva

NEW ZEALAND

Babor, Richard
Dhabuwala, Atul
Kelly, Steve
MacCormick, Andrew
Rahman, Habib
Smith, Mark
Wheeler, Benjamin

Australian Hospitals with Ethics and Governance Approval

NEW SOUTH WALES and ACT

Albury-Wodonga Private Hospital
 Baringa Private Hospital
 Belmont Hospital
 Brisbane Waters Private Hospital
 Calvary Bruce Private Hospital
 Calvary Riverina Hospital
 Campbelltown Private Hospital
 Canberra Hospital
 Concord Repatriation General Hospital
 Delmar Private Hospital
 Dubbo Private Hospital
 Dudley Private Hospital
 Gosford Hospital
 Gosford Private Hospital
 Holroyd Private Hospital
 Hurstville Private Hospital
 John Hunter Hospital
 Kareena Private Hospital
 Lake Macquarie Private Hospital
 Lakeview Private Hospital
 Lingard Private Hospital
 Mater Hospital Sydney
 National Capital Private Hospital
 Nepean Private Hospital
 Newcastle Private Hospital
 North Shore Private Hospital
 Northern Beaches Hospital
 Norwest Private Hospital
 Nowra Private Hospital
 Port Macquarie Private Hospital
 Prince of Wales Private Hospital
 Royal North Shore Hospital
 Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
 Southern Highlands Private Hospital
 St George Private Hospital
 St Vincent's Lismore
 Strathfield Private Hospital
 Sydney Adventist Hospital
 Sydney Southwest Private Hospital
 Tuggerah Lakes Private Hospital
 Wagga Wagga Base Hospital
 Westmead Private Hospital
 Wollongong Private Hospital

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane Private Hospital*
 Buderim Private Hospital
 Cairns Private Hospital
 Gold Coast Private Hospital
 Greenslopes Private Hospital
 Hillcrest Rockhampton Private Hospital
 Ipswich Hospital
 John Flynn Private Hospital

Kawana Private Hospital
 Mater Hospital Brisbane
 Mater Private Hospital Brisbane
 Mater Private Hospital Bundaberg
 Mater Private Hospital Mackay
 Mater Private Hospital Redland
 Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton
 Mater Private Hospital Springfield
 Mater Private Hospital Townsville
 Nambour Selangor Private Hospital
 Noosa Private Hospital
 North West Private Hospital (Brisbane)
 Pindara Private Hospital
 Princess Alexandra Hospital
 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital
 Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
 St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital
 St Andrew's-Ipswich Private Hospital
 St Stephen's Hospital
 St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside
 St Vincent's Private Hospital Toowoomba
 Sunnybank Private Hospital
 Sunshine Coast University Private Hospital
 The Wesley Hospital

NT and SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ashford Private Hospital
 Burnside War Memorial Hospital
 Calvary Adelaide Hospital
 Calvary Central District Hospital
 Calvary North Adelaide Hospital
 Darwin Private Hospital
 Flinders Medical Centre
 Flinders Private Hospital
 Royal Adelaide Hospital
 The Queen Elizabeth Hospital
 Western Hospital

TASMANIA

Calvary St Vincent's Hospital
 Hobart Private Hospital
 Launceston General Hospital
 North West Private Hospital (Burnie)
 Royal Hobart Hospital

VICTORIA

Austin Hospital
 Beleura Private Hospital
 Box Hill Hospital
 Cabrini Hospital Brighton
 Cabrini Hospital Malvern
 Epworth Eastern Hospital
 Epworth Freemasons Hospital
 Epworth Geelong Hospital

Epworth Richmond Hospital
 Footscray Hospital
 Glen Iris Private
 Hamilton Base Hospital (Western District)
 Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital
 Holmesglen Private Hospital
 Jessie McPherson Private Hospital
 John Fawkner Private Hospital
 Knox Private Hospital
 Latrobe Regional Hospital
 Maryvale Private Hospital
 Melbourne Private Hospital
 Mildura Base Hospital
 Mildura Health Private Hospital
 Monash Medical Centre
 Mulgrave Private Hospital
 Northpark Private Hospital
 Peninsula Private Hospital
 Shepparton Private Hospital
 St John of God Ballarat Hospital
 St John of God Bendigo Hospital
 St John of God Berwick Hospital
 St John of God Geelong Hospital
 St John of God Warrnambool Hospital
 St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
 St Vincent's Private Hospital (Fitzroy)
 Sunshine Hospital
 The Alfred Hospital
 The Avenue Hospital
 The Bays Hospital
 Wangaratta Private Hospital
 Warringal Private Hospital
 Warrnambool Base Hospital
 Waverley Private Hospital
 Western Private Hospital
 Williamstown Hospital

WEST AUSTRALIA

Glengarry Private Hospital
 Hollywood Private Hospital
 Joondalup Health Campus
 Mount Hospital
 Peel Health Campus*
 St John of God Bunbury Hospital
 St John of God Midland Private Hospital
 St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital
 St John of God Murdoch Hospital
 St John of God Subiaco Hospital
 Waikiki Private Hospital

*Denotes recently approved

New Zealand Hospitals with Ethics and Governance Approval

NEW ZEALAND

Anglesea Hospital*
Auckland City Hospital (ADHB)
Boulcott Plus Health Ltd
Chelsea Hospital Trust
Christchurch Hospital (CDHB)
Gisborne Hospital (HTDHB)
Grace Hospital
Manuka Street Hospital*
Mercy Ascot Hospital
Mercy Hospital
Middlemore Hospital (CMDHB)
Ormiston Hospital
Southern Cross Hospital Hamilton
Southern Cross Hospital Christchurch
Southern Cross Hospital North Harbour
Southern Cross Hospital Wellington
Southland Hospital (SHDB)
St George's Hospital
Tauranga Hospital (BOPDHB)
Waikato Hospital (Waikato DHB)
Wakefield Hospital

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