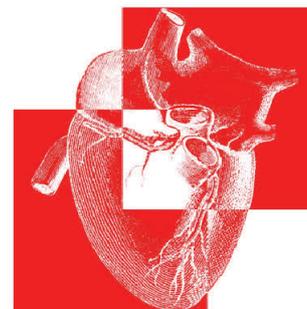


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Acknowledgements

Welcome back to 2015! We hope everyone had a relaxing festive season.

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all the hardworking Data Managers. The ANZSCTS Database would not be where it is today without your comprehensive input of complete data. As of 20th January 2015, 80,554 cases have been entered into the ANZSCTS Database (*Figure 1*).

The ANZSCTS Database Program Newsletter will serve to inform Data Managers of key program developments and provide useful tips and reminders.



Another year of progress ahead!

Data Definitions — Reminders

#23—Operation Number

This variable refers to the number of operations a patient has on the **same** day (e.g. if a patient has two operations on the same day, the operation number for the first procedure will be 1, while it will be 2 for the second. If however the patient has two operations which are a week apart, the operation number will be 1 for both procedures as they **did not** occur on the same day.

#238—New Renal Failure

If renal failure is present pre-operatively a patient **cannot** be coded as having new renal failure post operatively*.

*Please note that this definition will be slightly modified in DDM v4

#268—Mortality Post Discharge

Only select yes if the patient died **within 30 days of surgery**, after discharge from hospital.

Patient Demographics—Reminder

Please ensure that care is taken when entering patient demographics online. All relevant fields must be completed for every case.

Additionally, once you begin data entry for a patient could we ask that you complete the entire dataset to avoid fields being missed.

Data Security Reminder

According to our Privacy Policy (soon to be released), we are required to send both surgeon and patient identifying information via the secure file transfer protocol (SFTP).

SFTP is considered to be a secure method of file transfer of data. It offers end to end security with data transferred via encrypted channels.

Files will remain in hospital folders for 48 hours, after which time it will be deleted and you will need to contact database staff to have the file put back in the folder.

Once you place something in the SFTP folder, could you please notify the Data Management Centre that you have done so.

When sending data, please ensure that you adhere to this procedure by using the following link: <https://sftp.cidmu.org.au/sphpm/>. You can contact the Data Management Centre to obtain your username and/or password.

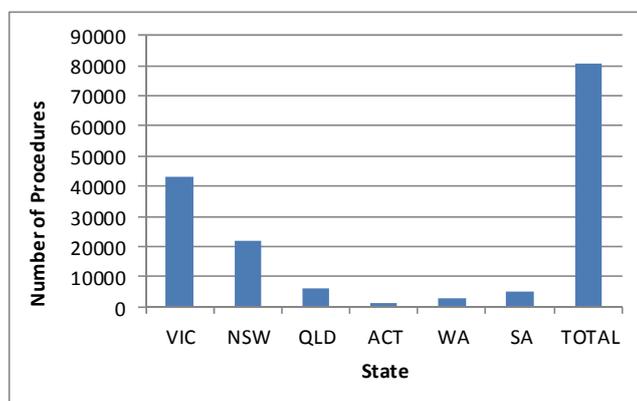


Figure 1: Number of cases entered by state as of January 20th, 2015



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Prince of Wales, NSW

Royal North Shore, NSW

Royal Prince Alfred, NSW

St George, NSW

St Vincent's, NSW

Westmead, NSW

Flinders Medical Centre, SA

Royal Adelaide, SA

Royal Perth, WA

Sir Charles Gairdner, WA

Canberra, ACT

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Epworth, VIC

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Peninsula Private, VIC

Lake Macquarie, NSW

St John of God, WA

Holy Spirit Northside, QLD

Mater Health Services, QLD

Ethics Update

Late last year we asked sites to send us their current HREC approval letters. Although such documentation was requested, we would like to emphasise that it is the responsibility of the site to obtain ethics approval and notify their local HREC of any project amendments.

We are happy to assist sites in completing applications and can send a draft National Ethics Application Form (NEAF) to aid this process.

NSW Public Hospitals are eligible to obtain multisite ethics approval using St Vincent's NSW NEAF.

Celebrating Data Managers

Name: Tracy Chorley

Hospital: Epworth HealthCare

Length of time in role: 3 years

Background: I worked on the pilot project for Australian Cardiac Procedures Registry (ACPR), collecting data on behalf of Epworth. Prior to the pilot project I was ANUM in Cath Lab at Epworth and working on an internal database for cardiology.

Most challenging aspect of data management: Long, complicated phone call follow-ups.

Most enjoyable aspect of data management: I really love how my role has evolved over time from a small internal, paper based data collection to the present day electronic benchmarking. I also love it when final queries for quarterly submission are clear and analysing data post submission.

My favourite thing to do on a day off is.....coffee on Gertrude Street, followed by a bike ride to the Queen Vic Market for some amazing, gourmet food I can take home and cook up for my family. I always buy too much and end up with an overload on my bike!

Favourite ice-cream flavour: Creamy yogurt and caramel from Messina on Smith Street...YUMMY!!!

Favourite TV show: Modern Family.....it reminds me of my own.

Sites will also need to submit a Site Specific Assessment (SSA) form to their local HREC. Information on how to complete this form can be found via the following link: <https://ethicsform.org/Au/Help/Guidance.aspx>. We ask that sites keep us updated on the progress of their SSA completion.

NSW sites that are interested in obtaining ethics approval using St Vincent's NEAF should contact the Data Management Centre as we will assist you during this process.

Moving forward we would like sites to send us ALL correspondence with their local HREC. This includes:

- HREC approval letters for project amendments
- Progress reports
- Extensions to ethics approval

Additionally, sites must ensure that the patient information sheet or next of kin patient information sheet is handed to the appropriate individual either pre or post procedure.

Coming Soon

Data Definitions Version 4

Rebuilt ANZSCTS Database

ANZSCTS Privacy Policy

ANZSCTS Public Facing Website



Three celebrities I would like to have dinner with:

Megan Gale....just to see that she really is THAT beautiful.

Cadel Evans.....I figure he might have some time on his hands now.

Guy Pierce....it's all about the jaw line!!

Final Words

Once again we would like to thank you all for your hard work and continued support of the database. We look forward to the successes that await us in 2015.

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