

Bariatric Surgery Registry Newsletter



ISSUE # 2

Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the Bariatric Surgery Registry (BSR) Newsletter! As promised this newsletter contains important information relating to the updates of the BSR as it rolls out across Australia and New Zealand.

One of our new initiatives is the development of a **Frequently Asked Questions** brochure which will be included in the surgeon welcome packs as well as on our website. We would love any feedback on these.

The BSR is also very close to putting in operation a **national Call Centre** to help with follow up. Follow up is a critical component to the success of this Registry, and the establishment of this call-centre will be an invaluable too.

At the end of March we will have an **online data base** making it easier to input and capture data. As we roll it out we will be in touch with sites to offer training. If this platform does not suit you, don't worry! Paper forms will still be happily accepted. The next stage will be to interface directly with EMR...watch this space.

On Friday 6 March we hosted our semi-annual lunch dedicated to our **Industry Partners**. The purpose of this lunch was to not only thank our industry

partners for their support in 2014 but also present our goals and objectives for 2015, and also gain an insight into what information might be of value to them as we move forward. This was a huge success with individuals from industry groups expressing their thanks and interest in the registry's progress.

The Registry & CME Points

Did you know that contributing to the registry also means you will be earning important RACS Continuing Medical Education (CME) points that count towards your annual Continuing Professional Development (CPD)?

Fellows contributing to the registry can claim this activity in **Category 1 audit and peer review**. If surgeons attend meetings around the audit for example, an M&M review meeting, they can claim 1 point per hour in **Category 2 – Clinical Governance**.

Surgeons participating in this audit can tick the 'Have you participated in a peer reviewed audit' box on their CPD forms (or in their CPD Diary). If you are asked to verify your participation, we will provide a letter to confirm your participation.

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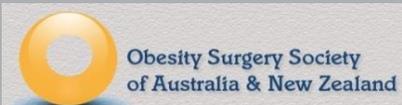
Information about CME Points

Roll out update

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Thanks to our current sponsors:



Roll out update

In issue 1 of the BSR Newsletter we confirmed we had 30 hospital sites on board. Since the last issue we have had an additional 12 sites approved.

St John of God was a large contributor to this increase as with the support of the CEO, Michael Stanford, we were able to approve the remaining SJOG hospital sites under the same ethics application. This made the ethics process more efficient and surgeons from SJOG hospital sites were able to start collecting data almost immediately.

Despite challenges gaining ethics approval at other hospital sites around Australia the registry now has a total of 44 sites approved compared to 37 sites approved in November 2014. And this number is expected to increase by a further 50 hospital sites by May 2015.

The BSR roll-out to New Zealand in 2015 is still in progress and we will keep you posted with any new developments.

State	Approved Sites	Sites In progress	Sites Remaining
NSW	5	0	48
NT	0	0	1
QLD	4	3	25
SA	7	0	7
TAS	3	1	1
VIC	21	3	24
WA	4	3	8
ACT	0	0	3
	44	10	117

Patients enrolled	3180
Opt-off rate	102
Partial Opt-off	14

Up & coming Information nights

In issue 1 of the BSR newsletter we mentioned that we were meeting with surgeons and their staff to firstly, thank participating surgeons and their staff for their contribution to the registry, as well as encourage new surgeons to become involved.

In 2014 we hosted information sessions in Western Australia, South Australia, and Victoria.

Our goal in 2015 is to meet with surgeons and their staff in Queensland, Tasmania and Northern Territory. Please let Charity know times that might be convenient for your practice.

Semi-annual Report

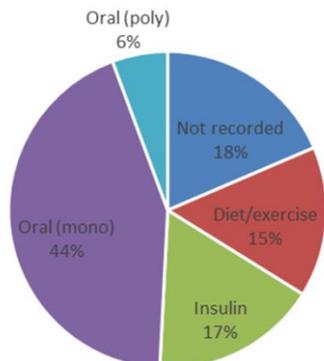
The Semi-annual report will be sent out to all contributing surgeons, practices and stakeholders in the next 2 weeks. It contains interesting information on the status of bariatric surgery in Australia.

Here is a sneak preview.....

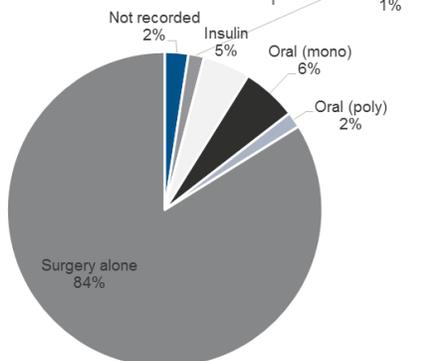
Metric	Total registry to 31 Dec 2014	1 July-31 Dec 2014	2014 report
30 day follow-up received	84.78%*	61.25%	93.4%
Annual follow up eligible	1053	394	570
Annual follow up collected	976 (93%)	323	
Annual follow up still in window	21 (2%)	21	
Annual follow up missing	51 (4.5%)	48	
Annual follow up LTFU	5 (0.5%)	2	

Metric	Total registry to 31 Dec 2014	1 July-31 Dec 2014	2014 report
Mean start BMI	44.13	44.01	44.1
Mean DOS BMI	43.33	43.03	43.5
Mean 30 d BMI	40.69	39.74	41.1
Mean 1 year BMI	35.91	36.07	35.7
EWL at 1 year (from op weight)	45.68%	45.25%	44%

Treatment at baseline of diabetics with annual follow up due (n=124)



Treatment at follow-up



As our numbers continue to increase in the Registry, these data will only become more powerful and more important as we seek to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of this surgery across our Countries.

Thank you

We hope you have enjoyed reading the second issue of the BSR quarterly newsletter we look forward to continuing contact and keeping you informed about the progress of the registry. Thanks for your support, participation and interest!

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