

AUSTRALASIAN PELVIC FLOOR PROCEDURE REGISTRY

REGISTRY INFORMATION

This Health Service proudly contributes data to the APFPR

The Australasian Pelvic Floor Procedure Registry (APFPR) is a clinical quality registry established to monitor the safety and quality of pelvic floor procedures including those that involve the use of implantable pelvic floor devices such as surgical mesh.

The project is being managed by the Registry Science and Research Unit, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University and is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Health.

The registry captures data on all Australian patients undergoing stress urinary incontinence (SUI) and/or pelvic organ prolapse (POP) surgeries involving pelvic mesh. It will contribute to our understanding of the safety of pelvic mesh devices and help to improve patient health outcomes.

Your surgeon is contributing to the APFPR, so your data will go into the registry. The registry will collect information about your condition, details about your surgery including any device information and whether you have experienced any complications.

You will receive an invitation letter and explanatory statement by post and email that outlines key information about the APFPR and what participation involves.

You may notify the registry at any time that you do not want to be involved. Any data collected can be removed on request. Should you wish to obtain any further information concerning this project, please contact the registry on 1800 571 093 (Toll Free) or apfpr@monash.edu

To help understand the outcomes associated with pelvic floor surgery associated with mesh devices, we may contact you prior to surgery and at 6, 12 and 24 months after surgery to complete some questionnaires. These may be completed online, by mail, or by telephone.

Your privacy is of utmost importance to us. Your data will be handled in accordance with relevant National and/or State privacy principles and legislation and managed on a secure, encrypted, password protected computer server, within a high security health research environment.

Participation in any research project is voluntary and there is no cost to you, the patient. Your decision whether to take part or not, will not affect your relationship with your treating hospital or specialist.

This project has been approved by Monash Health Human Research Ethics Committee.