

# JUNE 2024, ISSUE #9

## COMMUNIQUE

### AUSTRALASIAN PELVIC FLOOR PROCEDURE REGISTRY

#### PURPOSE

The APFPR aims to identify and report on trends and outcomes associated with Pelvic Floor Procedures that treat Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI) and Pelvic Organ Prolapse (POP), and to identify *best surgical practice* and *optimal patient health outcomes*. This knowledge will come from analysing high-quality data, over time, relating to thousands of surgical procedures.

#### REMINDER: NEW PROCEDURES

The following list shows the main procedures that the APFPR captures outcomes for. We also capture whether other procedures were performed at the same time, for risk adjustment purposes.

##### Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI) Procedures

- Mid urethral Sling (synthetic mesh)
- Bulking agent injections
- Bulking agent removal
- SUI mesh revision/explantation
- **Autologous Fascial sling** (commenced in FY 2023/2024)
- **Burch Colposuspension** (commenced in FY 2023/2024)

##### Pelvic Organ Prolapse (POP) Procedures

- Sacrocolpopexy with mesh
- Sacrohysteropexy with mesh
- Transvaginal Anterior/Posterior repair with mesh
- Transvaginal Apical support with mesh
- Sacrospinous Colpopexy with mesh
- Sacrospinous Hysteropexy with mesh
- POP mesh revision/explantation

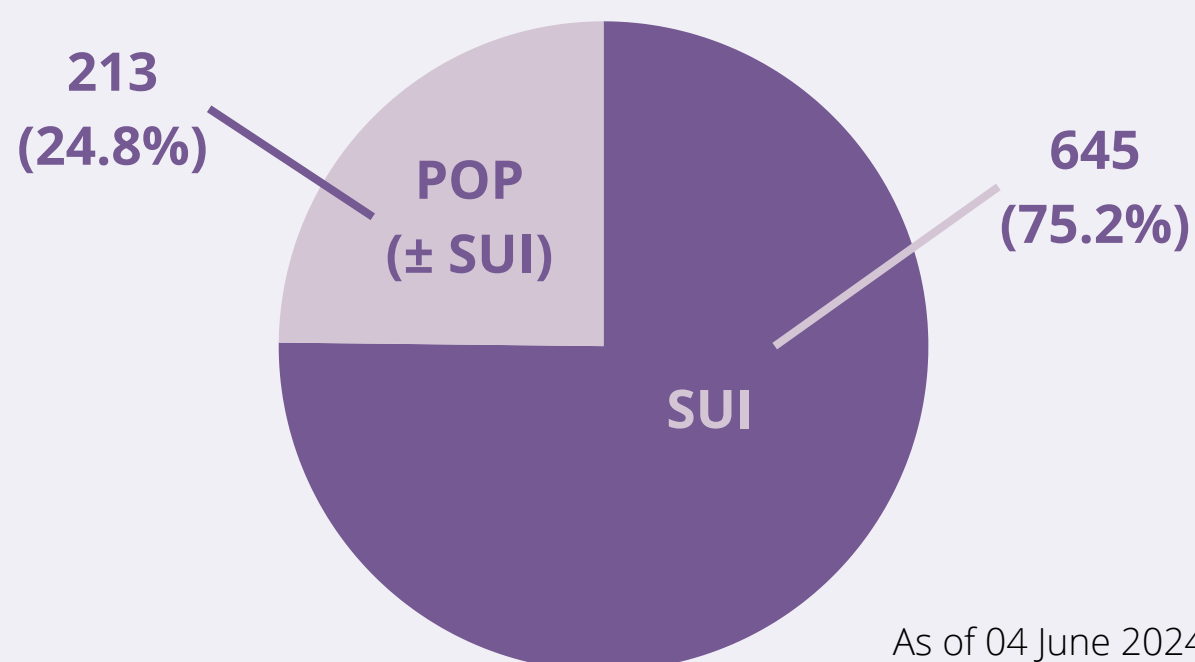
#### PATIENT RECRUITMENT

TOTAL PATIENTS RECRUITED = 1,039



As of 25 June 2024

TOTAL PROCEDURES CAPTURED = 858



As of 04 June 2024

#### HEALTH SERVICE AWARDS

Building on the success of the 2023 Health Service Awards, the APFPR is excited to announce that the Health Service Awards for hospitals contributing data up to 30 June 2024 are being finalised, and the results will be announced very soon.

#### SITE ENGAGEMENT

Participation in registries is voluntary. The APFPR seeks expressions of interest from eligible hospitals and invites them to participate in the registry. The APFPR has recruited a total of **49 sites** (as at 28 June 2024), with approximately a further 40 potentially eligible sites identified for recruitment in the future. The list below shows sites that have obtained ethics, jurisdictional approvals and site specific authorisations. This means they are ready and set up to input data into the APFPR. As of 28 June 2024, 36 hospitals have contributed data to the registry.

#### APPROVED HOSPITALS

##### Victoria

Bendigo Health  
Cabrini Health  
Epworth HealthCare Eastern  
Epworth HealthCare Freemasons  
Epworth HealthCare Geelong  
Epworth HealthCare Richmond  
Frances Perry House  
Mercy Hospital for Women  
Monash Health  
St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne  
St John of God Bendigo Hospital  
St John of God Geelong Hospital  
Waverley Private Hospital  
Western Health  
Peninsula Health

##### Australian Capital Territory

Calvary John James Hospital  
Canberra Private Hospital  
Canberra Public Hospital

##### Queensland

Buderim Private Hospital  
Gold Coast University Hospital  
Robina Hospital  
Sunshine Coast University Hospital  
Varsity Lakes Day Hospital  
Townsville University Hospital

As of 28 June 2024

##### New South Wales

Concord Hospital  
John Hunter Hospital  
Nepean Hospital  
Royal Hospital for Women  
St George Hospital  
St George Private Hospital  
Sutherland Hospital  
Westmead Hospital  
Westmead Private Hospital  
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital  
North Shore Private Hospital  
Port Macquarie Private Hospital  
Dudley Private Hospital

##### South Australia

Calvary North Adelaide Hospital  
Calvary Adelaide Hospital  
Royal Adelaide Hospital  
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital  
Flinders Medical Centre  
St Andrews Hospital  
Lyell McEwin Hospital  
Modbury Hospital

##### Tasmania

Royal Hobart Hospital

##### Western Australia

Hollywood Private Hospital  
King Edward Memorial Hospital  
St John of God Subiaco Hospital

Please contact the registry if a consumer or surgeon wishes to know more about whether their hospital has been identified for participation. The registry can benefit from your assistance in achieving national coverage of all eligible pelvic floor procedures in Australia.

#### SITE REPORTS

The APFPR aims to provide feedback to participating sites by means of regular site reports that present aggregate information on the procedures performed and patient outcomes experienced at the site. The APFPR has just sent the second set of site reports to contributing hospitals. This information will hopefully encourage discussion on patient outcomes to improve quality of care related to pelvic floor procedures.

## CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT

### CONSUMER WEBINAR

The Consumer webinar held on 16 May 2024, expertly chaired by the APFPR consumer representatives, Ms Pip Brennan and Ms Jenny Leslie, was well attended by clinicians, consumers and government departmental representatives. There were a number of questions for the panel including clinical queries that were addressed by the Clinical lead, Prof Helen E O'Connell AO. The APFPR received positive feedback and has published the recording of the webinar on the APFPR website that can be accessed at <https://apfpr.org.au/apfpr-publications/>

### CONSUMER REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

The consumer reference group is composed of consumer representatives who meet twice per year to discuss and deliberate on issues of relevance to the registry. This is fed back to the APFPR Steering Committee for approval.

The meeting on 17 June 2024 was chaired by Kim Blieschke and Michelle Kennedy, and saw robust participation by 6 consumers who primarily discussed the content for a resource guide to be located on the APFPR website. This aims to serve as a one-stop-shop for resources and information on pelvic floor disorders and procedures.

The first iteration of this resource will be developed on the APFPR website in the coming weeks.

## PERSONNEL UPDATE

The APFPR would like to announce that Claudia Lassetter, Communications Manager, will be leaving the APFPR from July 2024, and would like to publicly acknowledge her time and dedication to the registry over the last 2.5 years. We wish Claudia all the very best in her future endeavours, and thank her enormously for her contributions.

The APFPR would also like to welcome Samuel Golding who has joined the registry coordinating team as Project Officer, and will be assisting registry activities, including ethics and governance submissions, site onboarding, and patient recruitment.

## COMING UP

- Announcements regarding Health Service Award Winners.
- Resource guide on the APFPR website.

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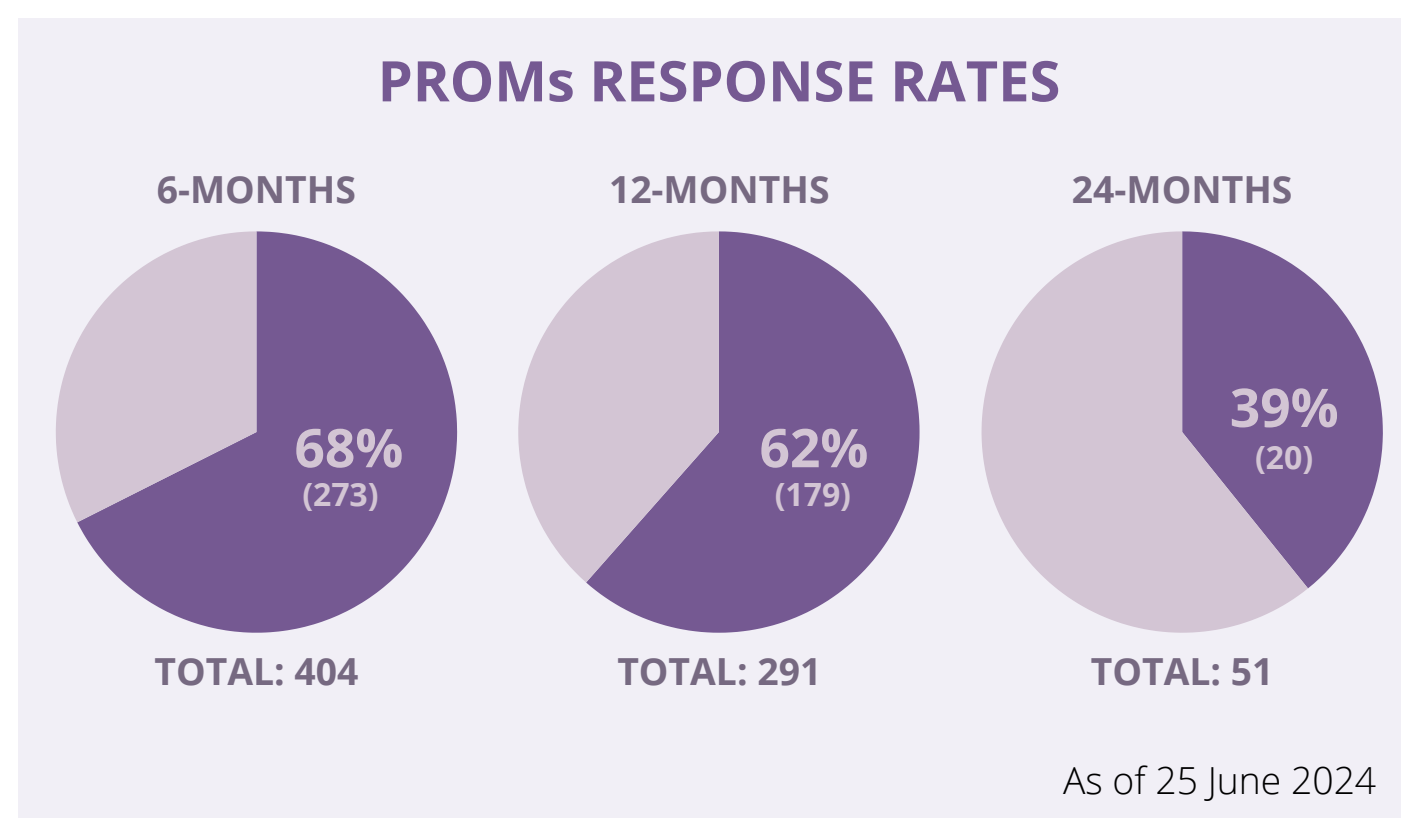
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## PROMs UPDATE

Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) are captured through questionnaires, where patients provide their own perspectives on how they feel after a procedure, as opposed to any assessment by clinicians. These are captured by the APFPR at 6, 12, and 24-months after surgery. PROMs are collected by post, phone call, SMS and email. Response rates for PROMs vary across time-points. PROMs response rates as of 25 June 2024 are as below:



## CONFERENCE PRESENCE

Conference attendances and presentations are a key focus for the APFPR as it enables face-to-face engagement with eligible clinicians and those that are already contributing to the registry. We provide updates on the APFPR's progress, to continue to raise the profile of the registry and keep our stakeholders engaged.

In May 2024, the APFPR benefited from a complimentary booth at the Continence Foundation of Australia's **National Conference on Incontinence (NCOI)**. The APFPR Registry Coordinator, Aruna Kartik, provided a recorded presentation titled *The Australasian Pelvic Floor Procedure Registry: monitoring pelvic floor procedure outcomes*, that was well received. We would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the **Continence Foundation of Australia** for their continued support of the APFPR.

In June 2024, APFPR members attended the **Victorian Pelvic Pain Symposium** that discussed initiatives and strategies to address pelvic pain in Victoria and encouraged submissions to the Victorian Pain Inquiry. The APFPR will be submitting a response to the Victorian Pain Inquiry consultation.

Upcoming conference presence:

- Urogynaecological Society of Australia (UGSA), Annual Scientific Meeting, 18 - 21 September.
- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG), Annual Scientific Meeting, 12 - 16 October.