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AUSTRALASIAN PELVIC FLOOR PROCEDURE REGISTRY (APFPR)

PURPOSE

The APFPR aims to identify and report on trends and outcomes associated with Pelvic Floor Procedures that treat Stress Urinary Incontinence and Pelvic Organ Prolapse, 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.

PATIENT RECRUITMENT

Total surgeries captured = 1192
(Private & Public)



*As at 15th October 2024

RaDS Governance Committee

In an effort to ensure appropriate clinical input is sought before any APFPR data are used in research publications, the APFPR is in the process of establishing the Research and Data Sharing Committee (RaDS). RaDS will be an advisory group responsible for ensuring APFPR data supports research and reports of the highest quality. Its aim is to review, and approve every application for data and/or analyses of APFPR data and verify that it is statistically and clinically sound.

The RaDS Governance Committee will convene up to three times per year to discuss ongoing and potential new projects for the APFPR. Expressions of Interest for Committee members and research interests will be circulated shortly.

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 30th June 2024 are being finalised, and the results will be announced very soon. Awards are given to sites for best and significant ongoing commitment to contributing patient data.



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
Eastern 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

Tasmania

Royal Hobart Hospital

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
Lingard Private Hospital
Port Macquarie Base Hospital

South Australia

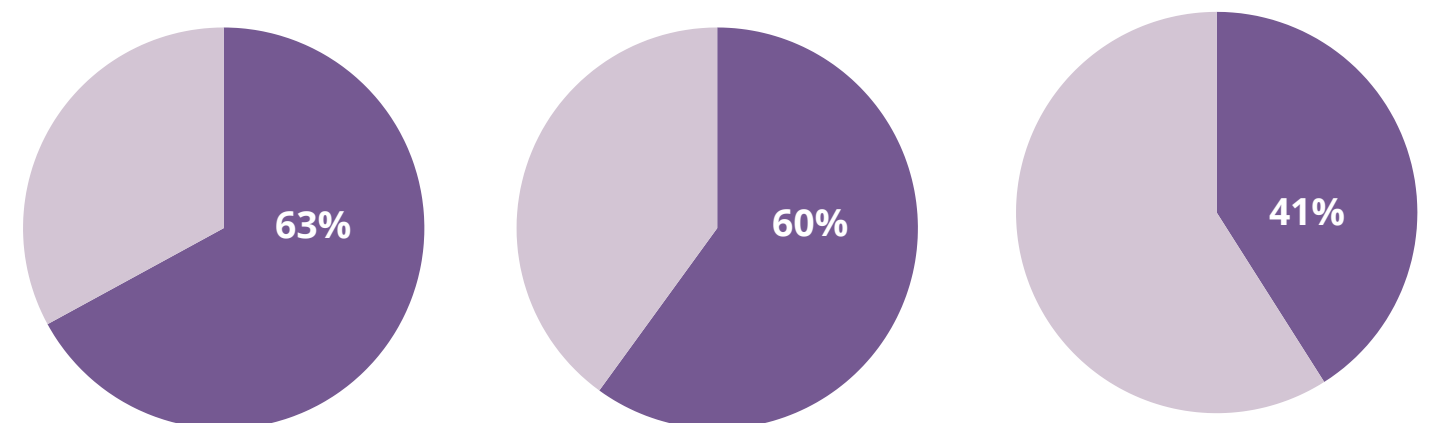
Calvary North Adelaide Hospital
Calvary Adelaide Hospital
Royal Adelaide Hospital
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Flinders Medical Centre
St Andrews Hospital
Lyell McEwin Hospital
Modbury Hospital

Western Australia

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

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. Response rates for PROMs vary across time-points. PROMs response rates as of 1st October 2024 are below.



6-MONTHS

12-MONTHS

24-MONTHS

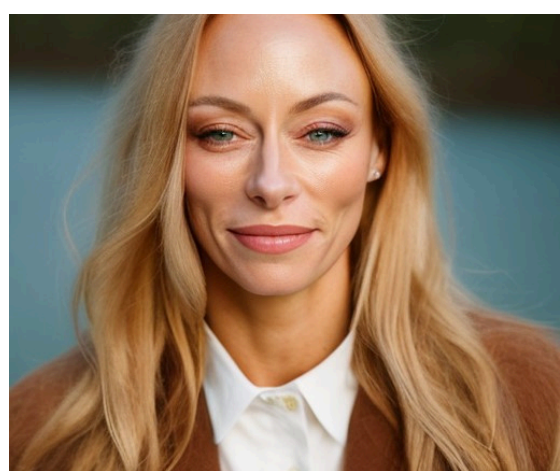
APFPR Patient Report Outcome Measures (PROMs) response rates (as of 1st October 2024)

RESIGNATIONS

Regretfully the APFPR wishes to announce the resignation of two valuable committee members.

Prof Helen O'Connell AO, has resigned from her role as APFPR Clinical Lead and USANZ Representative. Helen has served on the APFPR committees since inception and was instrumental in mobilising support for the registry amongst USANZ members and has been a tremendous influence in encouraging urologists to contribute to the registry. She has also been vocal in promoting the registry at national and international conferences as well as seeking endorsement from governmental federal and jurisdictional departments. She has graciously served as a panellist at APFPR webinars and imparted her invaluable clinical input in refining and streamlining the APFPR dataset. The APFPR has enormously benefitted from her expertise and her calm, considered, balanced and empathetic approach that she brings to all interactions/deliberations. After a nomination process, Prof O'Connell AO will be replaced by **Dr Ailsa Wilson Edwards** from SA who will serve as the urology representative for the APFPR Steering Committee and Clinical Advisory Committee.

The APFPR welcomes Dr Ailsa Wilson Edwards who is a urological surgeon specialising in functional and female urology in Adelaide. She undertook her specialist urology training in Brisbane, then her subspecialty fellowship at University College London Hospital in Female and Reconstructive Urology, developing expertise in treatments for urinary incontinence, neuromodulation, pelvic pain, and reconstruction. In Adelaide she cares for patients at Better Bladders, Calvary North Adelaide Hospital and leads the Functional Urology Service for the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN). She is both a contributor to the APFPR and is a site principal investigator. Dr Wilson Edwards contributes to the TGA Womens Health Products Working Group as the RACS nominated representative. In the MBS review of Urogynaecology items Dr Wilson Edwards was the USANZ-nominated representative. She is a member of the USANZ Female Urology Special Advisory Group and was awarded the inaugural USANZ Arnold-Low Prize for her research in biofeedback devices for pelvic floor muscle training. Her current research is into new technology in sacral neuromodulation.



Dr Ailsa Wilson Edwards

APFPR Consumer Representative **Pip Brennan** has also made the decision to depart the APFPR. Pip has served with the APFPR since the registry establishment and brought a wealth of consumer advocacy experience to inform registry strategy and direction. She has actively championed patient's rights and worked tirelessly to guide the APFPR towards being consumer-focused in its approach. The APFPR's consumer engagement program gained traction and momentum under Pip's guidance with the registry now boasting a consumer reference group in addition to consumers being represented on the steering committee. Pip played a crucial role in guiding the APFPR PROMs program to enable multidimensional outcome assessment and in refining patient communication to better reflect consumer perspectives.

She has helped chair APFPR webinars and has contributed to developing a consumer resource list that will be published on the website. Pip will continue to advocate for registries at a systemic level; the APFPR will sorely miss her expertise, dedication, and her astute ability to situate the registry within the real-world context of community attitudes that could impact registry activities.

The APFPR is meeting with consumers and Consumer Reference Group (CRG) cochairs to decide on next steps for finding Pip's replacement, and is also discussing setting up a mechanism for greater coordination between the APFPR Steering committee and CRG. The APFPR will make an announcement once a replacement for Pip has been finalised.

We would like to publicly acknowledge the time and dedication that Helen and Pip have put into the registry over the last few years. We wish Helen and Pip all the very best in their future endeavours, and thank them enormously for their contributions.

CONFERENCE PRESENCE

Conference attendances and presentations are a key focus for the APFPR as it enables face-to-face contact 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.

On 18th September, APFPR senior coordinator, Aruna Kartik attended the Urogynaecological Society of Australia (UGSA), Annual Scientific Meeting. Aruna's presence at the conference was pivotal in raising awareness of the APFPR.

The Youth Generation Forum, Pan Pacific Continence Society (PPCS) sub-meeting of the Urological Association of Asia was held in September. The APFPR provided slide decks for presentation to raise awareness of the registry.

In November 2024, the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) will hold its Southern Australia and Northern Territory Section Meeting in Adelaide. Dr Samantha Pillay will present on behalf of the APFPR. Also in November, Jessica Yin will present on behalf of the APFPR when USANZ holds its Western Australia Section Meeting.

Upcoming conference presence:

The ACTA 2024 Clinical Trials and Registries Symposium will be held in December 2024. The APFPR will be one of many registries showcasing their work.

Coming up

- Announcements regarding 2024 Health Service Award Winners

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