

THE BENCHMARK

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From the Editorial Team: **Professor Susannah Ahern, Cheryl Grant** (Monash University), and **Natalie Shalit** (ACTA), we are pleased to welcome you to Edition 10 of *The Benchmark*. As 2025 comes to a close, we want to thank you for your support and collaboration throughout the year. Wishing you well over the festive season.

EVENT NEWS

The ACTA 2025 Clinical Trials and Registries “Driving Change” Symposium was held over 3 days from 17th – 19th November at the Crown Promenade, Melbourne. Following a similar structure to the previous year, a one day dedicated to Clinical Registries was attended by over 170 individuals. In addition, more than 110 individuals attended the four workshops which preceded the symposium. Workshop topics included: 1) Advancing Learning Health Systems: The Role Of Clinical Quality Registries And Linked Data, 2) From The Ground Up: A Registry Workshop (Ten Steps. One Scenario. Endless Ideas. Let’s Build!), 3) Community And Patient-Centred Registries, and 4) Beyond the Benchmark: Outlier Engagement Strategies.

Of 23 abstracts submitted, 10 were accepted for oral presentation, with 13 posters for viewing. The Best Poster Award for 2025 was awarded to Emma Tod (PCOR-ANZ) for her poster entitled “Data collectors role in the quality indicator review: Insights from the Prostate Cancer Outcomes Registry of Australia and New Zealand”.

As the ACTA Clinical Quality Registries special interest group (CQR SIG) co-chairs, Jade and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Organising Committee. Your willingness to engage, enthusiasm, and connections made coordinating the program and the event so much easier.

We also want to give special appreciation to all the speakers and workshop facilitators. Your time, effort, and expertise were invaluable, without you, this event would not have achieved the success it did.

Together, you all helped create something truly impactful, and we are deeply grateful.

Jade Curtis and Tamara Hooper, ACTA CQR SIG Co-Chairs





MAGIC IN THE AIR AT 2025 ACTA CLINICAL TRIALS AND REGISTRIES SYMPOSIUM

A host of SAHMRI scientists cast a spell over the [**Australian Clinical Trials Alliance 2025 Clinical Trials and Registries Symposium**](#), including a Harry Potter-themed workshop about how to establish a registry.

Presenters, facilitators and hosts included Prof Stephen McDonald, Tamara Hooper, Kelly Skelton, Dr Karen Best, Dr Tesfahun Eshetie, Isabelle Haklar and Dr Jennifer Singh.

The event is Australia's premier gathering of leaders across trial design, clinical data, healthcare policy, funding, service delivery, health IT and patient advocacy to advance clinical trials and registries.



2025 ANNUAL BETTER EVIDENCE AND TRANSLATION IN CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (BEAT-CKD) END OF YEAR FORUM AND WORKSHOP

In November 2025, the **Australian and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant (ANZDATA) Registry**, as part of the **BEAT-CKD network**, participated in the 2025 Annual BEAT-CKD End of Year Forum and Workshop, held across four sites in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Adelaide, as well as online. The University of Sydney hosted the main event, while ANZDATA and Flinders University co-organised the Adelaide satellite site at the Flinders University's City Campus. The forum brought together patients, caregivers, clinicians, and researchers to explore how patient-centred research can drive equitable kidney health policy, identify policy gaps and unmet needs, and ensure patient and caregiver voices guide future priorities.



EARLY FINDINGS FROM THE DENTAL IMPLANT REGISTRY (DIR) AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS (ANZAOMS) ASM 2025

The **Dental Implant Registry (DIR)** exhibited at ANZAOMS ASM 2025, where Dr Steven Soukoulis presented early findings from over 9,600 devices and 4,800 patients. Key insights included common implant sites, device trends, complication rates and demographic patterns, highlighting the DIR's growing value in national implant surveillance and research.



DIR
DENTAL IMPLANT
REGISTRY

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LYMPHOMA AND RELATED DISEASES REGISTRY (LaRDR) BREAKFAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The annual Lymphoma Breakfast Meeting was co-hosted by the **Lymphoma and Related Diseases Registry (LaRDR)**, **Australasian Lymphoma Alliance** and **Lymphoma Australia** on October 28, 2025, in Perth, with over 110 attendees onsite and virtually. LaRDR presented updates, including the incorporation of funnel plots to site benchmarking reports and pilot recruitment of paediatric patients with lymphoma. Click [here](#) for photos and more information.



REGISTRY NEWS

AUSTRALASIAN PELVIC FLOOR PROCEDURE REGISTRY (APFPR) 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The **Australian Pelvic Floor Procedure Registry (APFPR)** has released its **2024 Annual Report**, featuring data from more than 1,300 patients, 1,400 procedures, and 1,100 products. The APFPR monitors outcomes for people undergoing surgery for female Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI) and Pelvic Organ Prolapse (POP), including procedures involving mesh or other devices. Participation in the registry is voluntary for hospitals, clinicians, and patients. By the end of 2024, 53 hospitals (29 public and 24 private) were approved to participate, and only 3.6% of patients opted out after being added to the database. This year's report provides a comprehensive overview of data collected up to the end of 2024. For the first time the APFPR has also published an accompanying infographic developed with the invaluable help of our Consumer Reference Group.



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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND EMERGENCY LAPAROTOMY AUDIT (ANZELA)

We are pleased to announce that the **Australian and New Zealand Emergency Laparotomy Audit (ANZELA)** has been awarded funding of \$1.1 million (2025-2027) through the **Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's National Clinical Quality Registry Program** to further develop and expand the registry. ANZELA is a binational clinical quality registry that monitors outcomes for patients undergoing emergency laparotomy—a high-risk, time-critical procedure. With this support, ANZELA will expand its capacity to collect and analyse data, benchmark performance, and provide actionable feedback to clinicians and hospitals. The registry plays a vital role in improving surgical outcomes, enhancing patient safety, and informing evidence-based practice. This funding will enable ANZELA to continue driving quality improvement and transparency in emergency surgery. Congratulations to the ANZELA team on this important achievement. We look forward to seeing the continued impact of this work on patient care and system-wide improvement.



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INTRODUCING AURA-AF: A NATIONAL PROCEDURAL REGISTRY TRANSFORMING THE CARE OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION IN AUSTRALIA

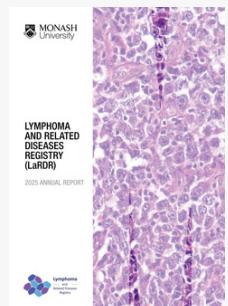
The **Australian Registry for the Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation (AuRA-AF)** is a national clinical quality registry established to improve outcomes of patients undergoing ablation procedures for atrial fibrillation (AF). Led by Professor Peter Kistler (Alfred Health), managed by the Centre of Cardiovascular Research and Education in Therapeutics (School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University) and supported by a \$7 million MRFF grant, AuRA-AF is the first registry of its kind in Australia. AuRA-AF brings together leading cardiac institutions, clinicians, and researchers to monitor and evaluate AF ablation practices nationwide. By collecting comprehensive data (including demographics, risk factors, procedural details, and patient-reported outcomes) the registry will provide a national overview of complications, trends and appropriateness, enabling evidence-based improvements in AF care. Through collaboration and data-driven insights, AuRA-AF aims to set new standards for quality and equity in cardiac care. To learn more about the registry and for details on how to get involved, please contact the AuRA-AF team at aura-af@monash.edu



LYMPHOMA AND RELATED DISEASES REGISTRY (LARDR) ANNUAL REPORT 2025

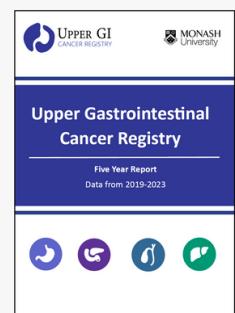
The **Lymphoma and Related Diseases Registry (LaRDR)** has released its 2024–2025 **Annual Report** online, showcasing the progress, projects and publications.

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RELEASE OF THE UGICR FIVE YEAR REPORT

The **Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer Registry (UGICR)** is pleased to release its **Five Year Report**, presenting key insights into pancreatic, oesophagogastric, primary liver, and biliary cancers diagnosed from 2019–2023.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 SAHMRI REGISTRY CENTRE DATATHON

Ready to put your data skills to the test? Join up to 60 passionate problem-solvers for a day of collaboration, creativity, and clinical insights. Work in teams to tackle a real-world health question using data science tools. Expressions of Interest close **10 January 2026**—Winners will showcase their work at the Symposium.



12th March 2026

8:30am – 4:30pm

SAHMRI Auditorium, North Terrace, Adelaide

Expressions of Interest

OPEN NOW- click [HERE](#)

Close 10th Jan 2026.

Max. 60 participants will be selected.

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2026 SAHMRI REGISTRY CENTRE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Our theme this year: "Advancing Equity Through Clinical Quality Registries". Expect inspiring talks, thought-provoking discussions, and a chance to connect with leaders in the field. Submit your abstract by **10 January** to be considered for a talk or poster. Full program and speaker lineup coming soon!

SAHMRI REGISTRY CENTRE

Annual Symposium

Advancing Equity Through Clinical Quality Registries

13th March 2026

Symposium presentations 8.30am–5pm SAHMRI Auditorium,
Cocktail networking 5–6pm North Terrace, Adelaide

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

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Learn more: [SAHMRI Symposium Website.](#)

ABSTRACTS OPEN

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Close 10th January 2026

Categories

- Using Registry Data to illuminate inequities
- Embedding principles of ethics, governance, and data sovereignty
- Using Registry insights to:
 - routinely and publicly report on inequities,
 - drive quality improvement, or
 - influence policy and system change

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IMPACT STORY

SYMPTOM MONITORING WITH FEEDBACK TRIAL (SWIFT) IS DRIVING DIVERSITY AND ACCESS IN CLINICAL TRIALS

Randomised trials often face selection bias, favouring metropolitan units and well-resourced participants. **The Symptom monitoring With Feedback Trial (SWIFT)** has leveraged ANZDATA Clinical Quality Registry to recruit nationally representative patients for age, sex and comorbid conditions, including rural and First Nations participants. SWIFT is currently the largest haemodialysis trial ever conducted in Australia with a total of 92 sites and over 2400 participants. A number of strategies were developed to ensure equitable access and diversity.



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REGISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTRALASIAN SEVERE ASTHMA REGISTRY (ASAR) AUTOMATION AND INNOVATION GRANT UPDATE

The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand ([TSANZ](#)) and Hunter Medical Research Institute ([HMRI](#)) are partnering to redesign the Australasian Severe Asthma Registry (ASAR). This collaboration will enhance usability, streamline data workflows, and improve data quality across the registry's 10+ year longitudinal follow-up, strengthening ASAR's capacity to drive clinical improvements for people living with Asthma.



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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND HIP FRACTURE REGISTRY (ANZHFR) CELEBRATES A DECADE OF PROGRESS AND PARTNERSHIP

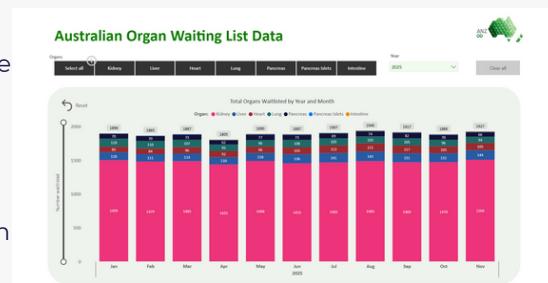
The Australian and New Zealand Hip Fracture Registry (ANZHFR) has released its 10th Annual Report – an opportunity to reflect with pride and gratitude on a decade of collaboration, dedication, and improvement. This 10-year milestone is a testament to the commitment of clinicians, hospitals, health services and the many partner organisations that make the work of the ANZHFR possible. The number of contributing hospitals has grown from 25 in 2016 to 106 in the [2025 Annual Report](#). We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to its success—many of whom continue to work alongside us. As we look ahead, we are committed to amplifying the voices of older people and staying attuned to what truly matters in their recovery—because ultimately, they are the reason we are all here.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ORGAN DONATION (ANZOD) REGISTRY ORGAN WAITING LIST INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD

The ANZOD Registry has introduced a new interactive dashboard to present Australia's organ transplant waiting list information in a clearer, more accessible way. Available on our [website](#), users can now explore waiting list figures through an easy to navigate display. The dashboard allows viewers to see patterns and understand current demand at a glance. It complements our existing detailed reports while offering a simpler, more engaging way for health professionals and the wider community to stay informed.



LYMPHOMA AND RELATED DISEASES REGISTRY (LaRDR) - SPHPM CONSUMER EXCELLENCE AWARD

The **Lymphoma and Related Diseases Registry (LaRDR)** consumer representative, Ms Janne Williams, received the inaugural Monash University School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine (SPHPM) Consumer Excellence Award, in recognition of her impactful contributions across multiple academic research projects, including LaRDR. Janne was involved in research governance, research design, trial and registry development and community consultation activities.



REGISTRY OF SENIOR AUSTRALIANS (ROSA)

In November 2025, the **Registry of Senior Australians Research Centre** released its annual [ROSA Outcome Monitoring System \(OMS\)](#) reports for South Australian based aged care providers!

These reports are designed to monitor and evaluate the quality of care provided to older Australians by summarising performance based on 12 risk-adjusted quality and safety indicators for [Residential Aged Care](#) and 15 for [Home Care](#), with state and national benchmarks to support quality improvement.

The 2025 Residential Aged Care reports includes information on the **13,583 South Australians enrolled in ROSA living in 236 permanent residential aged care facilities in SA between 1 October 2022 -30 June 2023** and the Home Care reports include information on **21,925 home care package recipients of 117 services in South Australia who were enrolled in ROSA between 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023**.



SAVE SIGHT REGISTRIES

The **Save Sight Registries** is a free, world-leading platform empowering clinicians to capture real-world outcomes with speed and precision. With intuitive data entry, powerful benchmarking, and strong research capability, the Registries support improved patient care and global collaboration across multiple eye disease modules.

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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT UPDATE

The implementation of the National Clinical Quality Registry Program is in progress. To receive updates on funding opportunities, register on [AusTender](#) and [Grant Connect](#), and check the Department's [website](#) for previous outcomes. The website also offers [CQR best practice guides](#) and an interactive map of participating sites.



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