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From the Editorial Team: **Professor Susannah Ahern, Cheryl Grant** (Monash University), and **Bernie Withers** (ACTA), we are pleased to welcome you to Edition 12 of *The Benchmark*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND EMERGENCY LAPAROTOMY AUDIT - QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (ANZELA-QI) DASHBOARD LAUNCH

The **Australian and New Zealand Emergency Laparotomy Audit - Quality Improvement (ANZELA-QI)** will launch a new interactive public dashboard on **1 July 2026**, providing greater visibility and understanding of emergency laparotomy care and outcomes across Australia. Aligned with the **Emergency Laparotomy Clinical Care Standard**, the dashboard enables hospitals to track performance against these standards through accessible visual summaries and benchmarking data. Updated weekly, it offers near real-time insights to support quality improvement, clinical governance, and shared learning. By making these data publicly accessible, ANZELA-QI aims to promote transparency, drive improvements in care, and encourage sector-wide engagement in improving outcomes for patients undergoing emergency laparotomy surgery.



DASHBOARD ACCESS
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INITIAL DRAFT OF THIRD EDITION OF NSQHS STANDARDS IS COMING

On **17 July 2026**, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care will release the initial draft of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (third edition).

Shaped by extensive sector-wide feedback, the draft reflects best practice evidence and responds to current healthcare realities, emerging challenges, and issues.

Be part of the change

This is your opportunity to contribute to improvements in patient safety and the delivery of high-quality care across Australia.

You can provide feedback on the draft Standards by completing an online survey or written submission. Or you can join the conversation and share your feedback at an information forum.

More information: Visit the **NSQHS Standards** webpage or email

AdviceCentre@safetyandquality.gov.au



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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL STROKE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP, 29–30 JULY 2026, KENNETH MYER BUILDING, MELBOURNE

The workshop is an outstanding event, with highlights for this year to be:

- A focus on rehabilitation Wednesday
- Updates from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care to discuss the revised Stroke Clinical Care Standard
- A panel of experts from each state and territory to discuss quality improvement initiatives
- Presentations from top-performing hospitals on strategies they have used to improve stroke care

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REGISTRATION -
ZOOM

DAY 2 WEBINAR
REGISTRATION -
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WORKSHOP
REGISTRATION - IN
PERSON

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Please register for the event by **Friday, 31 July 2026**

Contact us: anzpic.data@anzics.org

FURTHER READING

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LATEST REGISTRY NEWS

WE ARE MOVING!!

The School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine is relocating! We are moving from 553 St Kilda Road (all out by end of July) to 509 St Kilda Road (sometime in September!). All contact details will remain the same in the interim.



GOOD CLINICAL QUALITY REGISTRY PRACTICE TRAINING MODULE

The Good Clinical Quality Registry Practise Training Module is a free course that provides essential knowledge needed to participate in CQRs.

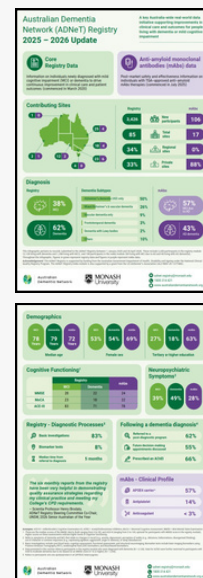
Monash Health HREC now accepts completion of this training module in place of GCP training for clinicians wanting to participate in CQRs.

CLICK HERE TO ENROL IN
THE TRAINING MODULE

STRENGTHENING POST-MARKET SURVEILLANCE: ADNET REGISTRY UPDATES

The **Australian Dementia Network (ADNeT) Registry** has launched an anti-amyloid monoclonal antibody therapies (mAbs) module to support post-market surveillance of disease-modifying treatments for Alzheimer's disease. This module will provide important Real-World Evidence on the safety and effectiveness of these therapies.

Since its launch in **July 2025**, 19 services have contributed data for over 170 patients, reflecting great interest in real-world safety and effectiveness monitoring of new therapies. Early findings from the mAbs module are reported in the registry's **2025–2026 Status Report**.



AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND EMERGENCY LAPAROTOMY AUDIT - QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (ANZELA-QI) WEBINAR HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE 2026

The **Australian and New Zealand Emergency Laparotomy Audit - Quality Improvement (ANZELA-QI)** recently hosted the national webinar *Using the Lessons of NELA to Improve Emergency Laparotomy Care in Australia*, featuring experts from Australia and the United Kingdom (UK). The session attracted 477 registrations and 125 live attendees across Australia and New Zealand, with a recording now available on the ANZELA-QI website.

LISTEN TO THE RECORDING

AUSTRALIAN REGISTRY FOR THE ABLATION OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION (AuRA-AF)

The **Australian Registry for the Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation (AuRA-AF)** is pleased to announce that the first atrial fibrillation (AF) ablation case was entered into the registry at The Alfred in early June 2026. Coordinated by Monash University, AuRA-AF is a national clinical quality registry (CQR) established to evaluate and monitor AF ablations across Australia with funding from the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF).

Over the coming months, the registry will be rolling out to participating public and private hospitals across Australia. Clinical teams interested in contributing data and benchmarking their performance are invited to reach out to the **AuRA-AF team**.



UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER REGISTRY (UGICR)

The **Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer Registry (UGICR)** has released its first pancreatic cancer and oesophagogastric cancer quality indicator reports to participating health services.

These reports were sent to 13 participating health services in Victoria. A large number health services performed well and were within the limits for most quality indicators.



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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