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# How to influence surgical practice to improve patient outcomes.

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## Introduction

- Not all patients have good outcomes
- Due to pathology, patients or clinicians
- How to influence practice to improve outcomes







## Characteristics of Surgeons

Skilful Decisive Conscientious

Dogmatic Intransigent Single minded

Slow to change







## VTE prophylaxis for joint replacements

- NHMRC guidelines 2007
- Fears of bleeding, wound leakage and infection
- Vast majority of patients now have effective prophylaxis







# Australian New Zealand Audit of Surgical Mortality (ANZASM)

- Review all in-hospital surgical deaths
- Peer review
- Feedback any concerns to surgeon







## How does it work?

- All hospitals notify each state ASM of surgical deaths
- Treating surgeon completes Surgical Case Form
- Sent to First Line Assessor (FLA)
- 85% no further action







## How does it work?

- 15% go to Second Line Assessor
- Areas of concern
- Feedback to surgeon
- Qualified Privilege
- De-identified







# How did we get Orthopaedic Surgeons to participate?

- Mandatory through Continual Professional Development (CPD)
- CPD requirements are decided by The Professional Standards Committees of AOA and RACS







## How do we drive change?

- Clinical advocacy
- Understand concerns
- Advocating within our professional body







## How to effect change

- Education
- Guidelines
- Show that it is mainstream
- Professional bodies
- Employers and accreditors







## Anything else?

- Address the concerns about increased scrutiny
- Clinician involvement







## Use of Registries

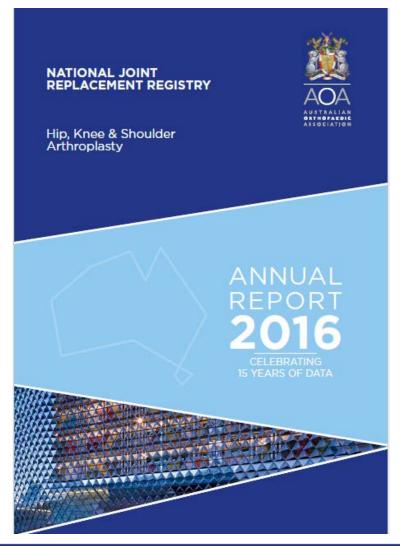
- Cardio-thoracic
- Vascular Surgery Audit
- Prostate Cancer Outcomes Registry
- Breast Cancer
- Colo-rectal







## **Annual Report**





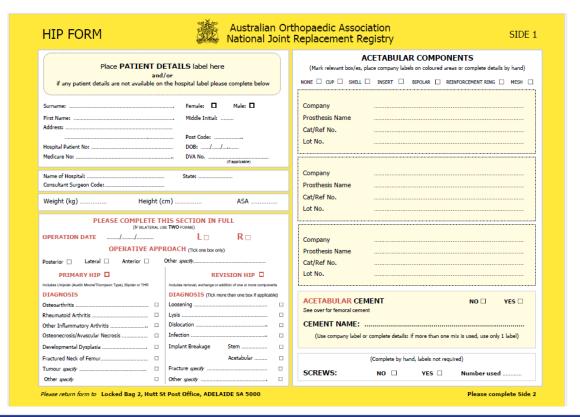
### **AOA NJRR Background**

- Data collection was introduced in 1999 commencing with SA
- National implementation was completed in 2002
- Owned by the Australian Orthopaedic Association
- Permanently funded by the Commonwealth Government



#### **Data Collection**

- 300 participating hospitals submitting data
- Voluntary and 100% participation





### 2016 Annual Report

• Analysis of 1,091,237 primary and revision hip – knee procedures recorded by the Registry up to 31.12.2015

Since 2003 the increase has been 61.9% for THR and 103% for TKR



## How does the Registry effect change?

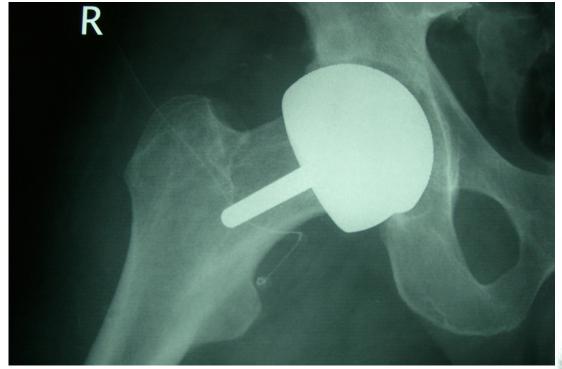
Overall usage in Australia







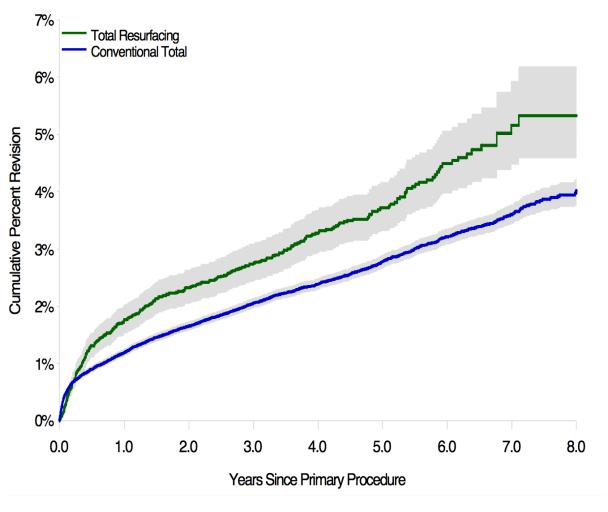
## Resurfacing Hip Replacement







#### Resurfacing Hip Replacement (Primary Diagnosis OA excluding Infection)



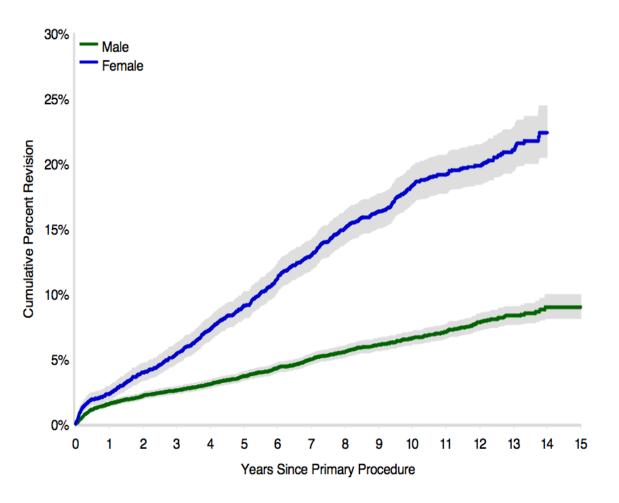
Total Resurfacing vs Conventional Total Entire Period: HR=1.37 (1.22, 1.55),p <0.001

Note: Adjusted for age and gender



#### National Joint Replacement Registry

## Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Resurfacing Hip Replacement by Gender (Primary Diagnosis OA)



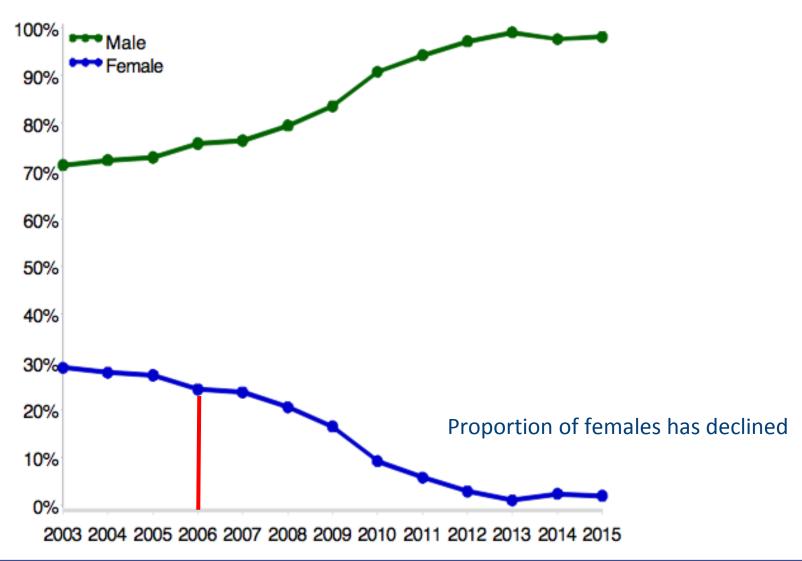
HR - adjusted for age

#### Female vs Male

0 - 3Mth: HR=2.05 (1.42, 2.94),p<0.001
3Mth - 6Mth: HR=1.18 (0.68, 2.03),p=0.557
6Mth - 1Yr: HR=0.92 (0.50, 1.70),p=0.800
1Yr - 2.5Yr: HR=2.72 (2.01, 3.69),p<0.001
2.5Yr - 6Yr: HR=3.62 (2.99, 4.40),p<0.001
6Yr - 6.5Yr: HR=4.53 (2.62, 7.83),p<0.001
6.5Yr+: HR=2.87 (2.35, 3.49),p<0.001



#### Primary Total Resurfacing Hip Replacement by Gender





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## How does the Registry effect change?

• Individual Surgeon's practice







### Primary Hip Procedures Performed by Surgeon at Peninsula Health Service (Frankston) and Peninsula Private Hospital and Number Revised for 2008 - 2012

Hospital	Primary Procedures	<b>Revisions of Primary</b>
Peninsula Health Service (Frankston)	61	5
Peninsula Private Hospital	247	3
TOTAL	308	8

### Revision Rates of Primary Hip Replacement Performed by Surgeon at Peninsula Health Service (Frankston) and Peninsula Private Hospital by Hip Class for 2008 - 2012

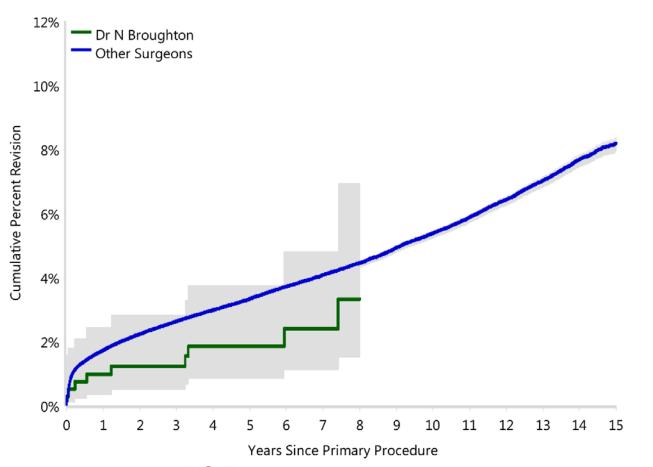
Hip Class	N Revised	N Total	Obs. Years	Revisions/100 Obs. Yrs (95% CI)
Unipolar Monoblock	3	34	115	2.60 (0.54, 7.61)
Unipolar Modular	0	9	40	0.00 (0.00, 9.14)
Total Conventional	5	265	1620	0.31 (0.10, 0.72)
TOTAL	8	308	1776	0.45 (0.19, 0.89)







## Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement Dr N Broughton n = 446 All other surgeons n = 372,706



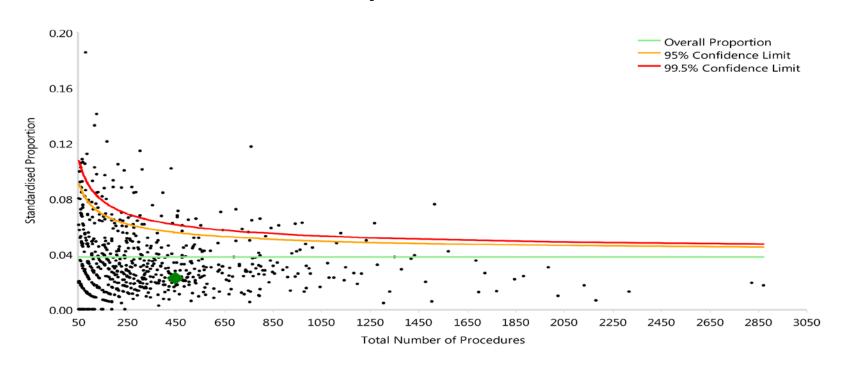
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Dr N Broughton vs Other Surgeons Entire Period: HR=0.69 (0.37, 1.27),p=0.231





# Funnel Plot of Revisions of Primary Total Hip Replacement









### Federal Quality Assurance Activity

- Ensures absolute confidentiality of data held by AOANJRR
- Ensures freedom from subpoena
- Prevented from releasing information that could identify a patient, surgeon or hospital



## Lessons to be learnt

- Clinicians need to trust the data
- Surgeons will change their practice
- Clinicians need to look at the data







# Who should be looking at individual surgeons data?

- Themselves
- With a buddy
- ?Professional bodies (AOA)
- ?AHPRA
- ?The public















Carnforth Station where "Brief
Encounter" was



















# "Weak appraisal system allowed rogue surgeon to slip through the net"



Daily Telegraph April 30, 2017







## Ian Paterson - a story of failed governance

- 1996 Suspended by Good Hope Hospital then asked to leave
- 1998 Appointed to Solihull Hospital
- 2003-4 Reports documenting unsatisfactory treatment
- 2007-8 Further reports and private hospital informed
- 2012 GMC suspends registration







## Notifications to Regulator

- Usually by patients and relatives
- Whistle blower problems







## Improving the culture around analysis of events

- Just culture
- Fear of litigation/public shaming/restriction of practice
- Professional bodies can help here







## Conclusions

- Surgeons want to improve outcomes on the basis of good data
- Benchmarking within registries
- Role of professional bodies in mentoring and educating
- Role of employers and accreditors
- Improving culture











