

The National Breast Cancer

Information for Consumers

Audit

The National Breast Cancer Audit has been conducted with the support of the Section of Breast Surgery of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) since 1998. The audit collects data on surgery performed on breast cancer patients in Australasia. This information enables breast surgeons to compare their own breast surgery practice with that of other breast surgeons. Since August 2002, this audit has been managed by the Australian Safety and Efficacy Register of New Interventional Procedures – Surgical (ASERNIP-S), which is a research programme of RACS that evaluates surgical techniques.

To be a full member of the Breast Section of the RACS, surgeons must audit their cases. Your surgeon is one of many who have chosen to do so by participating in the National Breast Cancer Audit.

Medical information related to your breast cancer diagnosis and treatment will be entered into the National Breast Cancer Audit database by your surgeon. This information will first be carefully 'de-identified', which means that your name will not appear with any of your medical information and will remain unknown to the Breast Audit staff. Your data will help us to compile national statistics about breast cancer surgery and collect information on all cases done by individual surgeons.

For more information about the ASERNIP-S privacy policy, please refer to the ASERNIP-S website:

<http://www.surgeons.org/asernip-s/privacypolicy.htm>

Please inform your surgeon if you do not wish to participate in the audit.

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Contact Information

The Breast Audit is affiliated with the following Breast Cancer organisations:



www.bcna.org.au



NATIONAL BREAST
CANCER CENTRE
Incorporating the
Ovarian Cancer Program

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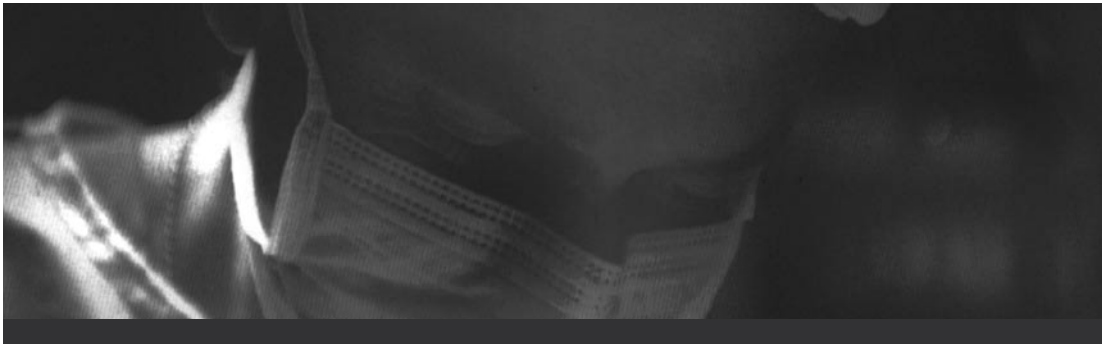
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Surgeon is to retain this form in the patient record.

Consent to Release of Information

1. I
of (address)
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GIVE CONSENT TO:

the National Breast Cancer Audit of the Australian Safety and Efficacy Register of New Interventional Procedures – Surgical programme, on behalf of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, to obtain my medical information concerning my breast cancer treatment.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- The only identifying information that will be released by my surgeon to the National Breast Cancer Audit will be my date of birth and the first three letters of my surname.
- Any report compiled for the purpose of this audit and evaluation will not use information that could identify me.
- The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing may authorise the National Breast Cancer Audit to release information to other organisations, but this will not include any information that could identify me.
- The National Breast Cancer Audit is strongly committed to protecting my privacy and maintains high levels of data security.
- I can refuse to give my medical information to the National Breast Cancer Audit by speaking to my surgeon and indicating my refusal to participate to him/her.

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Signature

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Witness signature

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Date

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Date

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