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FOREWORD

From the Chair, BreastSurgANZ Quality Audit

The 2018 BreastSurgANZ Quality Audit Annual Report provides an overview of the surgical management of breast cancer across Australia and New Zealand. It reflects the status of current practice and demonstrates changes in the management of breast cancer patients over time.

This Annual Report is an opportunity to reflect on what the program has achieved and areas for improvement in the future. Significant findings can be drawn from the 18,850 cases of breast cancer submitted to the BQA in 2018 and research output from the BQA continues to be strongly encouraged.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are a fundamental component in the audits ability to monitor performance and identify areas for improvement. The continued review of the relevance of the benchmarks applied included revising KPI 6 to consider neoadjuvant therapy. The KPIs will also form the basis of a Clinical Quality Improvement Program which will be introduced shortly to close the BQA's feedback loop and increase the support provided to surgeons in improving their practice.

In 2018 the BQA completed the data collection period for the pilot on High Quality Performance Indicators (HQPIs). The HQPIs used in the pilot analysis demonstrated that the proposed indicators were aspirational for many BreastSurgANZ members. This pilot has provided the BQA Subcommittee and the Society with many opportunities to consider changes to the BQA's performance indicators.

The BQA's focus remains on supporting our members practice and improving their interactions with the BQA. With this in mind, we also seek to explore partnerships with other stakeholders to enhance the delivery of our program and increase local knowledge of breast cancer.

The valuable data within this report is due to the dedication of surgeons, researchers, administrators and patients that contribute to the BQA. Most importantly this could not have been done without the continued support of Breast Surgeons of Australia and New Zealand Inc., in not only funding this program but facilitating the quality assurance of its members and the continued pursuit of quality outcomes for breast cancer patients.

Mr David Walters FRACS Chair, BQA Subcommittee



From the President, BreastSurgANZ

On behalf of all BreastSurgANZ members, I thank the BQA team for producing the 2018 BQA Annual Report.

This report provides an opportunity to formally reflect on the learnings and insights obtained from the longstanding capture of breast cancer patient data in the BQA. I encourage all our members to read the full report and provide any feedback to BreastSurgANZ.

The enduring success of the Audit, now in its 22nd year of operations, is due to the strong dedication and commitment of the Audit team and its Surgical leaders - including the current sub-committee Chair, Dr David Walters, and Committee members. I also acknowledge the significant membership commitment through its contribution to data submission, and the ongoing Society support, as cornerstones to the BQA accomplishments.

The primary aim of the Audit is to improve the quality of breast cancer surgery care by breast surgeons for the benefit of their patients. The value to BreastSurgANZ members of participating in the Audit arise from the opportunity to ensure they meet certain quality standards within a qualified privilege protected quality assurance activity and peer supported program.

BreastSurgANZ aims to capture 100% of patient data from early breast cancer surgery performed by our members throughout Australia and New Zealand to facilitate ongoing improvements in quality outcomes. We continue to work with the Audit team and our membership to improve data capture, compliance with standards, and assessment of high key performance indicators. Importantly, we encourage and expect our breast surgeons to submit <u>all</u> their early breast cases for quality assurance.

We encourage our members to better utilise the value of this extensive and comprehensive bi-national data set in research about breast cancer surgery, or for benchmarking their units. PFT trainees are strongly recommended to discuss possible worthy research projects using the BQA data for their post-fellowship training requirements with their hospital units, PFT Chairs, and our BQA team.

I am excited by the Society's plans for evolving the Audit for development and enhancement - including implementation of a Clinical Quality Improvement program policy and process, an Oncoplastic module and patient related outcome data.

I invite feedback from members regarding the 2018 Audit Report, and any suggestions to improve this important Society activity.

Associate Professor Sanjay Warrier FRACS President, BreastSurgANZ



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The report was prepared under the oversight of the BQA Subcommittee, whose members are Mr David Walters (Chair/South Australia & Northern Territory), Mr Andrew Spillane (New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory), Mr Jason Lambley (Queensland), Dr Melissa Bochner (South Australia), Ms Meron Pitcher (Victoria & Tasmania), Dr Saud Hamza (Western Australia), Mr Ian Campbell (New Zealand), Mr David Moss (New Zealand), Ms Maryanne Maher (BCNA Consumer Representative).

BreastSurgANZ membership

BreastSurgANZ acknowledges the dedication and enthusiasm of their members in maintaining involvement with the audit, providing time and resources to ensure the audit is an accurate and up-to-date reflection of practice in Australia and New Zealand.

The BreastSurgANZ aims for the audit to be relevant to the needs of all members, and to ensure the audit reflects current practice. As always, feedback is very welcome from the membership on their experiences with the audit, and how BSANZ and RACS may better serve their requirements.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the activities of the audit in the 2018 calendar year. The principal activities were:

Participation in 2018

• A total of 18,850 episodes of breast cancer were submitted to the BQA in 2018, 57% directly through the portal and 43% through the upload program. Development work was completed on the upload tool in 2018, allowing the program to resume and a higher proportion of cases to be entered through this program than in previous years. At year end, there were 353 accounts for surgeons, 32 accounts for data managers, and a total of 219,659 episodes of breast cancer stored in the database.

What the data showed in 2018

- This report examines data for breast cancers diagnosed in 2018, of which there are 12,746 records, submitted by 288 participants from 247 hospitals across Australia and New Zealand.
- Most patients treated in 2018 were aged 50 years or older and 99% were female.
- Patients with *in situ tumours or smaller invasive tumours* were more likely to be referred from BreastScreen. *Larger invasive tumours* were more likely to be a symptomatic referral from a GP.
- Breast conserving surgery was the most common 'final' treatment for breast cancer, particularly for patients referred by BreastScreen patients aged over 40 and in the treatment of smaller tumours.
- Patients aged 70 or above were the least likely to receive reconstruction after mastectomy.
- Most patients treated with breast conserving surgery received no further surgical treatment. The possibility of further surgery rose with increasing tumour size and fell with increasing age.
- Most invasive tumours were treated with some form of axillary surgery, commonly sentinel node biopsy. Axillary node dissection was more common as the tumour size increased.
- Patients with small *in situ* tumours were least likely to have any axillary surgery. As the tumour became larger, the likelihood of sentinel node biopsy increased. Axillary node dissection was rare for *in situ* tumours.
- Surgeons in Australia and New Zealand are meeting all six <u>BQA Key Performance Indicators</u>.

Recent activities

- At the end of 2018, the data collection period for the pilot on <u>High Quality Performance Indicators</u> (HQPIs) was completed. Analysis showed low levels of achievement by BreastSurgANZ members and surgeons with a high volume of cases were more likely to meet the threshold levels.
- The upload tool was updated in 2018 and uploads recommenced, which inflated the proportion of cases submitted through the upload program for this year.
- The calculation for Key Performance Indicator 6 (Percentage of high-risk cases referred for chemotherapy) was amended to consider neoadjuvant therapy as well as adjuvant chemotherapy.

Future considerations

A new strategic and business plan to guide the audit into the future is to be developed, prioritising coverage and data quality, as well as enhancing the audits relevance and benefits. Further considerations include the implementation of a formal outlier's process based on the current KPIs and possible additions to data collected, such as an oncoplastic module, patient-reported outcome measures, and data on pre-surgery MRI.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

From observing the 2018 data, the following recommendations are made with the intention of improving the utility of the audit.

- Further review should be undertaken focused on validating the BQA's performance indicators, in particular the HQPIs which have recently been piloted.
- Improvements should be made to the data collection process to ensure 100% audit compliance and data coverage.

3. BACKGROUND

The BreastSurgANZ Quality Audit (BQA) is a quality assurance activity for members of the Breast Surgeons of Australia and New Zealand (BreastSurgANZ). It aims to monitor and improve the quality of care by surgeons for patients with early and locally advanced breast cancer in Australia and New Zealand.

Initiated as a pilot study in 1998 by the Breast Surgery Section of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), the audit has been running continuously since then, with BreastSurgANZ taking over its direction in 2010 (see <u>Appendix 1</u> for further details on the history of the audit).

Participation is required by all members of BreastSurgANZ. Participants are encouraged to selfassess their clinical performance against set key performance indicators through the online interface, and to engage with the audit's data request program for more specific quality assurance or research projects (see <u>Appendix 2</u> for more information on the processes of the audit and <u>Appendix 3</u> for details on data fields collected).

4. PARTICIPATION IN 2018

A total of 18,850 episodes of breast cancer were submitted to the BQA in 2018: 10,675 episodes (57%) through the online portal, and 8,175 episodes (43%) via the upload program. The number of uploaded cases was higher than usual in 2018 as a backlog of submitted cases from institutions were uploaded. This backlog was the result of changes in the BQA dataset which required updates to the upload tool before uploads could occur.

At the end of 2018, there were 353 accounts for surgeons, 32 accounts for data managers, and a total of 219,659 episodes of breast cancer stored in the database.

For breast cancers diagnosed in 2018, there were 12,746 records. Participants are asked to have data submitted by 30 April the year following diagnosis. For 2018, 43% of episodes (5465 records) were submitted in 2018, with the remaining submitted in 2019.

Data was received from 247 hospitals in Australia and New Zealand (see participating hospitals list, <u>Appendix 4</u>).

Figure 1 shows the data submitted annually over the course of the audit. In 2018, there was a lag in data submission which has resulted in a lower number of episodes in the database for 2018. At the time of reporting, 82% of BreastSurgANZ members had submitted their cases for 2018. We anticipate that, as in previous years, the number of 2018 cases will continue to increase and this will be reflected in subsequent reports.



Figure 1: Annual BQA data submission (by diagnosis date)

5. SUMMARY OF 2018 DATA

The BQA contains 12,746 records for episodes of early or locally advanced breast cancer diagnosed in 2018. Section 5 shows a descriptive analysis of this data.



5.1. Patient characteristics



In 2018, the incidence of patients diagnosed with invasive breast cancer increased with age (see Figure 2). A total of 57% of invasive episodes were for patients 60 years of age or older. In contrast, the incidence of *in situ* peaked in the age group 50-59 and 60-69 years, with a total of 59% of *in situ* episodes in this age bracket.

Male breast cancer was rare; accounting for only 1% of all breast cancer episodes diagnosed in 2018 (data not shown).



Figure 3: Treatment location of episodes diagnosed in 2018

Note: Excludes 16 episodes where treatment location is missing. Data provided in Appendix 5: Table 3.

Figure 3 shows that the largest submission of episodes were from New South Wales (29% of episodes) followed by Victoria (20% of episodes) and Queensland (16% of episodes), with the smallest submission from the Northern Territory (less than 1% of episodes) closely followed by Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory (1% of episodes each). This is in line with the population of cancer episodes treated in these locations.



Figure 4: Referral source of episodes diagnosed in 2018

Note: Excludes 96 episodes where referral source is missing. Patients referred from 'Other' sources may include private screening programmes. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 4</u>.

In 2018, 51% of the cancers diagnosed were referred as symptomatic from a GP (Figure 4). A further 39% were referred from BreastScreen programs in Australia or New Zealand. The remaining 10% were referred from other sources, such as private screening programs.



 Figure 5: Referral source for invasive tumours, by tumour size for episodes diagnosed in 2018

 Note:
 Excludes 70 episodes with missing information on referral source and 284 episodes where tumour size is missing. Patients referred from Other sources may include private screening programs. Data provided in Appendix 5: Table 5.

As shown in Figure 5, BreastScreen referral was most common for smaller tumours (<10mm and 10-14mm were both 47%) and least common for large tumours of at least 40mm (18%). For larger invasive tumours, patients were more likely referred as symptomatic from a GP (Figure 5).



 Figure 6: Referral source for in situ tumours, by tumour size for episodes diagnosed in 2018

 Note:
 Excludes 10 episodes with missing information on referral source and 47 episodes where tumour size is missing. Patients referred from "Other" sources may include private screening programs. Data provided in Appendix 5: Table 6.

Figure 6 shows that *in situ* tumours (regardless of size) were most commonly referred from BreastScreen.

5.2. Surgical treatment



Figure 7: Final surgery for episodes diagnosed in 2018

Note: 'Breast conserving Surgery' consists of the BQA data items 'Complete local excision', "Re-excision', 'Open Biopsy' and 'ABBI'. If patients were treated with both breast conserving surgery and mastectomy, they have been categorised as mastectomy.

Excludes 65 episodes with missing information on invasive/in situ and 237 episodes where surgery information is missing. 'Other Surgery' and 'No Surgery' is not shown due to very small numbers. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 7</u>.

Figure 7 shows that most patients treated for invasive or *in situ* breast cancer received 'breast conserving surgery only'.



Breast conserving surgery only Simple mastectomy Mastectomy with reconstruction

Figure 8: Final surgery, by patient age, for episodes diagnosed in 2018

Note: Excludes 290 episodes with missing information on surgery. 'Other Surgery' and 'No Surgery' not shown due to very small numbers. Mastectomy totals also include patients that underwent both mastectomy and breast conserving surgery. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 8</u>.

'Breast conserving surgery only' was most common in patients aged 60 to 69 years (71%) and least common in patients under 40 years (38%), as shown in Figure 8. 'Mastectomy, with reconstruction' was most common among patients under 40 years (27%) and least common in those aged 70 years or more (1%).



Breast conserving surgery only Simple mastectomy Mastectomy with reconstruction



Note: Excludes 237 episodes with missing information on surgery and 131 episodes with missing tumour size. 'Other Surgery' and 'No Surgery' not shown due to very small numbers. Mastectomy totals also include patients that underwent both mastectomy and breast conserving surgery. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 9</u>.

The incidence of receiving 'breast conserving surgery only' decreased as tumour size increased for both invasive and *in situ* tumours. The incidence of 'simple mastectomy' rose with increased tumour size for both invasive and *in situ* tumours (Figure 9).



Breast conserving surgery only Simple mastectomy Mastectomy with reconstruction

Figure 10: Final surgery, by treatment location for episodes diagnosed in 2018

Note: Excludes 290 episodes with missing information on surgery and 16 episodes with missing location. 'Other Surgery' and 'No Surgery' not shown due to very small numbers. Mastectomy totals also include patients that underwent both mastectomy and breast conserving surgery. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 10</u>.

Figure 10 shows 'breast conserving surgery only' is most common in Victoria (69%) and least common in Northern Territory (50%). Simple mastectomies are most common in the Northern Territory (39%) and least common in Victoria (19%). Mastectomy with reconstruction is most common in Western Australia (12%) and least common in South Australia (2%).



Figure 11: Final surgery, by referral source for episodes diagnosed in 2018

Note: Excludes 290 episodes with missing information on surgery and 68 episodes with missing referral source. 'Other Surgery' and 'No Surgery' not shown due to very small numbers. Patients referred from Other sources may include private screening programmes. Mastectomy totals also include patients that underwent both mastectomy and breast conserving surgery. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 11</u>.

'Breast conserving surgery only' treatment was more common for patients referred by BreastScreen (74%) than symptomatic patients from GP (53%) (Figure 11).



5.3. Further surgical treatment after breast conserving surgery

 Figure 12: Surgery after breast conserving surgery for episodes diagnosed in 2018

 Note:
 Excludes 6 breast conserving surgery episodes with missing information on invasive/*In situ*.

As surgeries often occur on the same day, for this report, further surgery is defined by intrusiveness e.g. a patient who had reexcision and a complete mastectomy would be counted under mastectomy.

Data provided in Appendix 5: Table 12.

As shown in Figure 12, 78% of invasive cancer treated with breast conserving surgery received no further surgery, compared with 68% of *in situ* tumours. The most common further surgery was re-excision (11% of invasive and 16% of *in situ*), followed by mastectomy (9% of invasive and 14% *of in situ*).



Figure 13: Surgery after breast conserving surgery, by patient age, for episodes diagnosed in 2018 Note: No missing data. As surgeries often occur on the same day, for this report, further surgery is defined by intrusiveness e.g. a patient who had re-excision and a mastectomy would be counted under mastectomy. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 13</u>.

Figure 13 shows the proportion of episodes of breast conserving surgery that did not receive further surgery increased with patient age (68% of those under 40 years of age to 80% of those 70 years or older). Receiving re-excision after breast conserving surgery was similar across age groups. Patients aged under 40 years had the highest proportion of mastectomies after breast conserving surgery (22%).





The incidence of both mastectomy and re-excision increased with *in situ* tumour size, as shown in Figure 14. Mastectomy incidence increased with invasive tumour size over 40mm, but the incidence of re-excision remained similar across tumour sizes.



Figure 15: Surgery after breast conserving surgery, by treatment location for episodes diagnosed in 2018

Note: Excludes 6 breast conserving surgery episodes with missing information on region. As surgeries often occur on the same day, for this report, further surgery is defined by intrusiveness e.g. a patient who had re-excision and a mastectomy would be counted under mastectomy. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 15</u>.

Figure 15 shows that surgery after breast conserving surgery was most common in Northern Territory (29%) and least common in South Australia (17%). Mastectomy after breast conserving surgery was most common in Northern Territory (23%) and least common in Victoria and New Zealand (both 8%). Re-excision was most common in Queensland (14%) and least common in Northern Territory (6%).



5.4. Axillary surgery

Figure 16: Axillary surgery by cancer type for episodes diagnosed in 2018

Note: Excludes 485 episodes with missing information on axillary surgery and 11 episodes with missing information on invasive/in situ. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 16</u>.

The majority of invasive tumours have some form of axillary surgery (97%), compared with 40% of *in situ* tumours as above (Figure 16). Most commonly, patients will have sentinel node biopsy only (72% of invasive and 38% of *in situ*).



Figure 17: Axillary surgery, by patient age for episodes diagnosed in 2018
Note: Excludes 485 episodes with missing information on axillary surgery. 'Unknown level of axillary surgery' is not shown due to very small numbers. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 17</u>.

Figure 17 shows that axillary node dissection was most common among patients under 40 years of age (42%), and sentinel node biopsy was most common among those aged 60-69 years (71%).





As shown in Figure 18, small invasive tumours are most likely to only have sentinel node biopsy (83% of tumours <15mm). Axillary node dissection becomes more common as the tumour size increases (from 14% of tumours <10mm to 55% of tumours ≥40mm).

Small *in situ* tumours are most likely not to have any axillary surgery (80% of tumours <15mm). As the tumour becomes larger, the likelihood of sentinel node biopsy increases (from 17% of tumours <10mm to 69% of tumours ≥40mm). Axillary node dissection is rare for *in situ* tumours.

5.5. Key Performance Indicators

The audit is currently a self-reflective tool, with each surgeon having access to real-time results of their own performance against the KPI thresholds through the audit portal.

The current KPIs and thresholds are:

No.	Key Performance Indicator	Quality threshold
1	Percentage of invasive cases undergoing breast conserving surgery referred for radiotherapy	85%
2	Percentage of oestrogen positive invasive cases referred for hormonal therapy	85%
3	Percentage of invasive cases undergoing axillary surgery	90%
4	Percentage of <i>in situ</i> cases undergoing breast surgery without axillary clearance	90%
5	Percentage of high-risk invasive cases undergoing mastectomy referred for radiotherapy	85%
6	Percentage of high-risk cases referred for chemotherapy	90%





Note: Excluded case counts are 358 for KPI 1, 550 for KPI 2, 287 for KPI 3, 102 for KPI 4, 305 for KPI 5, and 295 for KPI 6. KPI 6 was amended in 2019 to consider neoadjuvant chemotherapy. The above reflects the amended calculation. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 19</u>.

KPI 1: Percentage of invasive cases undergoing breast conserving surgery referred for radiotherapy. KPI 2: Percentage of oestrogen positive invasive cases referred for hormonal therapy. KPI 3: Percentage of invasive cases undergoing axillary surgery. KPI 4: Percentage of *in situ* cases undergoing breast surgery without axillary clearance. KPI 5: Percentage of high-risk invasive cases undergoing mastectomy referred for radiotherapy. KPI 6: Percentage of high-risk cases referred for chemotherapy.

Figure 19 shows the combined performance for all surgeons in Australia and New Zealand, for cases with diagnosis dates in 2018. Surgeons in Australia and New Zealand are meeting BQA Key Performance Indicators for all KPIs.



Figure 20: Key Performance Indicators with quality threshold at 85% - Overall compliance by year Note: Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 20</u>.

Aggregate practice value is the combined data of all surgeons contributing data to the BQA for that year.

KPI 1: Percentage of invasive cases undergoing breast conserving surgery referred for radiotherapy. KPI 2: Percentage of oestrogen positive invasive cases referred for hormonal therapy. KPI 5: Percentage of high-risk invasive cases undergoing mastectomy referred for radiotherapy. KPI 5 was added in 2010.

Figure 20 gives performance over time for KPIs with a quality threshold of 85% (KPI 1, 2 and 5).



Figure 21: Key Performance Indicators with quality threshold at 90% - Overall compliance by year Note: KPI 6 was amended in 2019 to consider neoadjuvant chemotherapy. The above is based on the new calculation. Data provided in Appendix 5: <u>Table 21</u>.

Aggregate practice value is the combined data of all surgeons contributing data to the BQA for that year.

KPI 3: Percentage of invasive cases undergoing axillary surgery. KPI 4: Percentage of *in situ* cases undergoing breast surgery without axillary clearance. KPI 6: Percentage of high-risk cases referred for chemotherapy.

KPI 6 was added in late 2016.

Figure 21 gives performance over time for KPIs with a quality threshold of 90% (KPI 3, 4 and 6). An issue was flagged with performance on KPI 6 in the 2017 Annual Report. The KPI calculation has since been adjusted to consider neoadjuvant chemotherapy, in addition to adjuvant chemotherapy. The adjusted performance calculations shown in Figure 21 confirms that when chemotherapy treatment is defined as either adjuvant or neoadjuvant chemotherapy, there is no longer an issue with surgeon performance.

6. RECENT AUDIT ACTIVITIES

6.1. High Quality Performance Indicators

The six High Quality Performance Indicators (HQPIs), as introduced in late 2017:

No.	High Quality Performance Indicator	Proposed threshold
1	Rate of immediate breast reconstruction for <i>in situ</i> breast cancer patients requiring mastectomy	40%
2	Rate of immediate breast reconstruction for invasive breast cancer patients requiring mastectomy	20%
3	Rate of breast conservation for tumour< 2cm	70%
4	Rate of involvement of a breast care nurse in management of the patient	90%
5	Rate of discussion of patients at a multidisciplinary meeting	90%
6	Rate of use of neo-adjuvant chemotherapy in women < 50 years	15%

The end of 2018 marked twelve months of data collection on the HQPIs. As planned, the BQA Subcommittee met to review this data and discuss quality thresholds.

Data showed low levels of achievement by BreastSurgANZ members, even at the modest proposed threshold levels show in the above table, with high volume surgeons more likely to comply.

Results of the data collection were publicly reported in The Breast (Salindera S, Ogilvy M, Spillane A. What are the appropriate thresholds for High Quality Performance Indicators for breast surgery in Australia and New Zealand? Breast. 2020 Jan 30;51:94-101. <u>doi:</u> 10.1016/j.breast.2020.01.007).

Future work for the audit:

- Consideration for the official setting of HQPI thresholds by BQA Subcommittee and rollout to participants
- Repeating the data analysis to track adherence to the new thresholds over time.

Possible actions for BreastSurgANZ to improve compliance:

- Broad education on patient benefits in meeting the HQPIs
- Training more oncoplastic surgeons
- Lobbying health services to provide the resources required to meet the thresholds.

6.2. Recent Updates to BQA portal

The BQA upload tool was updated in 2018 to address changes made to the database with the new online portal. This meant that uploads could resume. The backlog of data was uploaded, and the audit is back on track in 2019.

A further update to the portal in 2019 amended KPI 6 (Percentage of high-risk cases referred for chemotherapy) to take into account neoadjuvant chemotherapy. Previously, this indicator was only passed if the relevant patient received adjuvant chemotherapy. Due to changes in practice, and feedback from users, the original KPI was no longer reflecting good practice.

7. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

7.1. Strategic direction

A strategic and business plan will be developed to guide the audit into the future, prioritising coverage and data quality, and enhancing the audit's relevance and benefits. This planning includes the BQA Subcommittee investigating the necessary steps to move the audit to a full clinical quality registry. Although still in the early stages, many innovative suggestions have been provided from a range of stakeholders which are currently being investigated.

7.2. Full implementation of an outlier's process

An outlier's process will involve peer-review of practice results for individual surgeons against each current <u>KPI</u>. The details of this process are complex and still being finalised by the BQA Subcommittee and the BreastSurgANZ Council. Information about this process and rollout will be disseminated to all members once approved.

7.3. Addition of an oncoplastic dataset

The BQA Subcommittee is currently considering the technical possibilities, benefits and cost of incorporating an oncoplastic dataset into the audit.

7.4. Patient-reported outcome measures

Patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) are patient assessments of how health services and interventions have affected their quality of life, daily functioning, symptom severity, and general health. BreastSurgANZ is collaborating with the University of South Australia on a pilot of this process for BQA patients in South Australia. This pilot will be run separate from the BQA database and daily activities, and will not involve audit staff or data.

7.5. Collecting data on pre-surgery MRI

University of Western Australia have approached the BQA Subcommittee with a request for the audit to collect data on MRI. The Subcommittee are considering the request but remain cautious about increasing the burden of data collection. An elegant solution for capturing the required data must be derived for this collection to be approved.

APPENDIX 1: AUDIT ESTABLISHMENT

This section outlines a brief history of the audit, to provide background and context.

Rationale

In 1995, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Community Affairs recommended that the RACS establish a compulsory form of accreditation and audit process for surgeons performing breast cancer surgery. The audit was conceived in response to this recommendation.

The National Breast Cancer Audit

The audit began in 1998 as a one-year pilot in South Australia and Tasmania. It was instigated by RACS through its Breast Section and in collaboration with the National Breast Cancer Centre (now Cancer Australia). The pilot was successful so in 1999, the National Breast Cancer Audit (as it was originally named) was implemented throughout Australia and New Zealand.

The audit's original purpose was to provide a benchmarking tool for the RACS Breast Section members to self-audit their practice against key performance indicators. Initially however, the data only allowed surgeons to compare their own practice profile with the aggregated profile of their Australasian peers.

Key Performance Indicators

In 2003, the audit developed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) based on published best practice standards and set quality threshold values (see <u>Appendix 2</u> for more details on the current indicators).

Originally launched as a stand-alone database where participants sent in their data to be entered by audit staff, the audit went online in 2004, which provided a portal for participants to enter their data directly.

The BreastSurgANZ Quality Audit

In 2010, the Breast Surgeons of Australia and New Zealand (BreastSurgANZ) was established, as a specialty society for surgeons treating breast cancer. One of the key purposes of the society was to provide quality assurance of its members through the audit. In late 2010, the society assumed ownership of the audit. The audit was subsequently renamed BreastSurgANZ Quality Audit in 2014.

The current role of the audit continues to be the ability for participants to self-audit their practice through review of their performance against the KPIs. The BQA Online Portal includes real-time online assessment against the KPIs.

Steps have been made towards establishing a full Clinical Audit Cycle that includes assessing for outliers, i.e. those with low compliance of the quality thresholds.

APPENDIX 2: AUDIT PROCESS

This section describes how the audit operates.

Audit operation

The audit is operated by RACS under contract with the Breast Surgeons of Australia and New Zealand ("BreastSurgANZ"). Staff employed by RACS operate the audit under direction from BreastSurgANZ. The BreastSurgANZ Quality Audit Subcommittee acts as an advisory Committee which recommends and reports to the BreastSurgANZ Council.

Patient enrolment

Patients who meet the eligibility criteria are enrolled by the surgeon responsible for their care and data entered as close to the point of care as feasible.

The audit collects patient treatment data under Opt-Out Consent. A patient information form is available from the audit website at <u>www.surgeons.org/bqa</u> for participants to provide to their patients.

Data collected

Data is recorded against the audit account of the Responsible Surgeon, defined as the surgeon responsible for the patient's care pathway (and hence able to influence whether the KPIs are met). In the event the surgery is performed wholly or entirely by another surgeon (for instance a surgical trainee is the Primary Surgeon in theatre), the audit record remains under the name of the surgeon ultimately responsible for the patient's care (the Responsible Surgeon).

The audit has an account for each BreastSurgANZ member. Each surgeon is given their own individual surgeon accounts and data is recorded against this account, rather than at the patient level (i.e. the audit reports on how an individual surgeon treats their patients, rather than how an individual patient is treated across multiple surgeons). Each surgeon can only see their own data.

Each patient who meets the eligibility criteria has a single record under the surgeon's account. The audit can record multiple surgeries per episode (bilateral lesions) and multiple episodes (recurrences) per patient.

The BQA collects data on early and locally advanced breast cancer. It uses the definition of early breast cancer as stated in the NHMRC *Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Early Breast Cancer:* tumours of not more than 5 cm in diameter with either impalpable or palpable but not fixed lymph nodes and with no evidence of distant metastases. This definition corresponds to tumours that are T 1-2, N 0-1, and M0 as currently defined by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).

Data is collected on patient demographics, cancer diagnosis, tumour pathology, surgical procedure, adjuvant and neoadjuvant therapies, and patient refusal of recommended treatment.

Datasets

Audit participants must complete the Minimum Dataset, which includes all datapoints necessary for threshold calculations on Key Performance Indicators. Optionally, all or some of the fields in the Full Dataset may be completed. This dataset contains more detailed datapoints, including Follow-up. The optional fields are completed at the discretion of the surgeon. See <u>Appendix 3</u> for copies of each dataset.

A Data Dictionary is published on the audit website. It was originally created to conform to recommendations made by the National Breast Cancer Centre (now Cancer Australia), the College of Pathologists and Department of Health for minimum data requirements in breast cancer and has been updated over time as changes to the dataset are made.

Data submission

Data submission to the BQA is a requirement of <u>membership in BreastSurgANZ</u>. Participants are expected to have all cases submitted by April 30 of the year following diagnosis. Full Members of BreastSurgANZ are required to submit at least 10 cases of breast cancer per year to qualify for that membership category.

Data should be entered as close to the delivery of care as is feasible. The Minimum Dataset records the pathway from diagnosis to adjuvant therapy.

Data is submitted either via the online portal directly by participants, or via the upload program. The upload program allows institutions (i.e. registries, hospitals, audits) with a large case volume and sufficient commonality of fields to have their data uploaded into the system, rather than having to reenter data manually.

While all data must be submitted by the end of April for cases diagnosed in the previous calendar year, there is typically a time lag for data submitted via the upload program due to the additional steps needed to extract, transform and upload the data, and the need to work with the timelines other hospitals and audits have for the finalisation of their cases.

Participants can log into the online portal to:

- Enter data
- View or add to existing data already entered
- Check their compliance with the Key Performance Indicators
- Check their compliance with the High Quality Performance Indicators
- Check how many episodes they have entered
- Export their data as an Excel file
- See a list of their incomplete cases, and export these cases into Excel
- Select which hospitals they operate at, which will appear in their 'hospital' drop-down list in the case entry form.

Data manager access was introduced in 2017. A data manager account can be created where there is signed permission from the surgeon concerned. This allows the data manager to access and enter records for the surgeon at the hospitals indicated on the signed data manager access application form (available from the audit website). Their access:

- Allows data entry, editing, as well as an ability to see a list of incomplete cases and export those cases to Excel.
- Provides a table summarising total annual episodes for each surgeon they enter data for (total episodes against each hospital the data manager has access to for that surgeon, not total entered by the data manager).
- Does not allow access to surgeon performance against the KPIs or HQPIs. This report is only available to the surgeon concerned, under their own login.
- Does not allow export of all data for a surgeon (only incomplete cases to check data entry).

Use of the database and the self-audit facility in the data portal is also available to non-member surgeons at a fee-per-case basis. This allows for wider data collection in the audit without providing the full range of member benefits to non-members (namely, they will be excluded from any quality assurance performance outliers process conducted by BreastSurgANZ).

Assessment

Participants can self-assess against six Key Performance Indicators (KPI), with quality thresholds set by the BQA Subcommittee. These indicators and thresholds have been produced according to evidence-based guidelines for care of early breast cancer patients, as well as expert advice.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) *Clinical Management Guidelines* were used as a basis to develop the original KPIs in 2003. The KPIs are also in line with recommendations in the New Zealand Guidelines Group *Management of Early Breast Cancer: Evidence-based Best Practice Guideline* which was released in 2009.

The current KPIs are:

No.	Key Performance Indicator	Quality threshold
1	Percentage of invasive cases undergoing breast conserving surgery referred for radiotherapy	85%
2	Percentage of oestrogen positive invasive cases referred for hormonal therapy	85%
3	Percentage of invasive cases undergoing axillary surgery	90%
4	Percentage of <i>in situ</i> cases undergoing breast surgery without axillary clearance	90%
5	Percentage of high-risk invasive cases undergoing mastectomy referred for radiotherapy	85%
6	Percentage of high-risk cases referred for chemotherapy	90%

In the KPIs, 'high risk' is defined as:

KPI 5: Invasive tumours of at least 50mm or with at least 4 positive lymph nodes.

KPI 6: Invasive tumours that fall into any of the following categories:

- Age less than 55 years AND Grade more than 1 AND Tumour size more than 2cm
- Age less than 55 years AND Grade more than 1 AND Tumour size not more than 2cm AND Nodes involved
- Age not more than 70 years AND Tumour Her2 Positive AND Tumour size more than 5mm
- Age not more than 70 years AND Receptors Triple Negative AND Tumour size more than 5mm.

The online portal provides real-time calculations of surgeon performance against the indicators. For more detailed analysis of data, participants can export their data to Excel, or can contact the audit helpdesk for assistance.

Data protection and privacy

The data collected for the BQA is protected under federal law in both <u>Australia</u> and <u>New Zealand</u> as a declared quality assurance activity. This means that data which becomes available because of the audit activity cannot be disclosed (in reports or publications) outside of that activity in a manner that identifies a patient or surgeon. The confidentiality of the information received is protected accordingly and high-level data security procedures are maintained.

The audit works under opt-out consent for patients. All patients need to be informed of the audit prior to having their data entered, giving them the opportunity to opt-out of having their medical information recorded. A patient information sheet is available from the audit website; it outlines everything a patient will need to know to make an informed choice. This sheet should be provided to patients before any data is submitted to the audit.

If a patient wishes to opt-out, they can advise their surgeon, or send the form to the audit staff. In 2018, audit staff were contacted directly by one patient who requested to opt out of the audit.

Data Requests and Research

The BQA Data Request process allows participants and external researchers to request data or analyses from the audit, within the constraints of the 'declared quality assurance activity' legislation protections. This can either be custom extractions of a participant's own data, that of a hospital unit (with permissions from all surgeons), or for a de-identified subset of the database (once approved by the BQA Subcommittee). The BQA received 10 requests in 2018.

The data is available for quality assurance, planning, and research purposes. All requests for data are reviewed by the BQA Subcommittee. The audit webpage provides the data release policy, application form, and information about completed research projects and articles published.

BQA data is also used by BreastSurgANZ for research into trends in the diagnosis and management of early breast cancer in Australia and New Zealand. This research has resulted in a number of publications in internationally recognised journals.

The audit has engaged in a number of successful collaborations with prominent Australian and New Zealand organisations such as Cancer Australia, BreastScreen Aotearoa, Breast Cancer Network Australia and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care.

A list of these publications and details of the collaborations is available from the audit website.

BreastScreen Aotearoa Annual Reports

The BQA has provided the New Zealand Ministry of Health with annual reports on breast cancer patients treated in New Zealand since 2010. These reports examine tumour characteristics and treatment of patients referred from BreastScreen Aotearoa compared with referrals via other means.

In 2018, the audit produced a report on New Zealand episodes diagnosed in 2016.

All reports are publicly available from the BQA webpage.

APPENDIX 3: DATASETS

Minimum Dataset: Invasive cancer

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Minimum Dataset: DCIS

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Open biopsy			CLE				Re-exci	sion			
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Pathology - Invasive	,				
Histological type of	Ductal NOS	Basal-like	🗆 Invasive lobular	🗆 Mixed type	Other neoplase
invasive tumour #	Unknown	🗆 Tubular	□ Medullary	Mucinous	
Invasive tumour size in	: mm #				
Total extent of lesion is	n mm (DCIS p lus invasi	ve carcinoma) *if greate	er than invasive tumour size		
Histological grade of in	wasive tumow # 🗌 🖸	irade 1 🗆] Grade 2	Grade 3	Unknown
Number of invasive bre	ast cancers)ne 🗆] Two	Multicentric	Unknown
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Final assessment of rel	evant marains - Invasiv	,			
Orientation of closest c Distance (in mm) to clo	ircumferential margin vsest circumferential ma	□Lateral □Me	dial Superior (Whole numbers only)	Inferior 🗌 Unka	10wn/Not available
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Distance (in mm) to clo	rsest vertical margin #	-	(Whole numbers only)		
Pathology - DCIS					
DCIS size in mm#					
Histological grade of lesion #	Low	□ Intermediate	🗆 High	Unknown	
Necrosis present #	🗆 No necrosis	□ Necrosis	🗆 Not applicable		
Dominant pattern	🗆 Solid	Cribriform	Micropapillary	Other	🗌 Unknown / na
Other pattern	Solid Solid	Cribriform	Micropapillary	Other	Unknown / na
Final assessment of rel	evant margins – In situ				
Orientation of closest c	ircumferential margin	Lateral DA	fedial Superior [Inferior U	known/Not avsilable
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Sentinel													
a) Pre-operative scintig	qraphy												
Was scintigraphy conduc	ted?]Yes 🗆] No	Se	intigraphy date								
Number of nodes in the following locations													
None 🗌 Lower axilla Upper axilla Supraclavicular Internal mammary													
b) Sentinel Node Biopsy													
Number of nodes													
Nodes detected with	Isotope	I	🗆 Blue dye	Both	□ Ui	nknown							
Position and number of located nodes													
Lower axilla Upper axilla Supraclavicular Internal mammary Other													
Final pathology of senún Number of sentinel nodes	el nodes : histologically po	ositive 🗌 No	ne 🗌 Onen	ode 🗌 Two nodes	□ Three nodes	□ > three nodes							
Follow-up													
Follow-up date]										
Patient status													
Free of recurrence	Progression	1 of disease	Local recurrence	Systemic r	currence	New breast							
New unrelated cancer	Death, brea	ast cancer	Death, not relate	d to 🛛 Death, unka	iown cause	Transferred care							
Lost to follow-up	leiafed Unknown		Partial clinical re	sponse 🗌 Complete o	linical response	Stable disease							
Clinical Exam Results	🗆 Not done	🗆 No abnom	mality 🗌 Abnom	nal 🗌 Unknown									
Mammogram Results	🗆 Not done	🗆 No abnon	mality 🗆 Abnon	nal 🗌 Unknown									
Ultrasound Results	🗆 Not done	🗆 No abnon	mality 🗌 Abnom	mal 🗌 Unknown									
Lymphodema	□ None	🗆 Mild	🗆 Moder	ate 🛛 Severe	Extreme	Unknown							
Cosmetic status	Good Good	🗆 Fair	D Poor	□ Mastectom	Unknown								
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APPENDIX 4: PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS

This Appendix lists the hospitals for which the audit has data with a 2018 diagnosis date (at point of data extract on 7 October 2019).

AUSTRALIA: ACT

Calvary Health Care Calvary John James Hospital Canberra Private Hospital National Capital Private Hospital The Canberra Hospital

AUSTRALIA: NEW SOUTH WALES

Albury Base Hospital Albury Wodonga Private Hospital Auburn Hospital Bankstown Lidcombe Hospital Baringa Private Hospital **Bathurst Base Hospital Bega District Hospital Belmont District Hospital** Blacktown Hospital Bowral and District Hospital **Brisbane Waters Private Hospital** Calvary Hospital Calvary Mater Newcastle (prev. Misericordiae) Campbelltown Hospital Campbelltown Private Hospital Canterbury Hospital Chris O'Brien Lifehouse **Coffs Harbour Health Campus Concord Repatriation General Hospital** Cowra District Hospital **Dubbo Base Hospital Dubbo Private Hospital Dudley Orange Private Hospital Fairfield Hospital** Figtree Private Hospital Gosford Hospital **Gosford Private Hospital** Goulburn Base Hospital Griffith Base Hospital Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Hospital & C'ty Health Hospital for Specialist Surgery Hunters Hill Private Hospital Illawarra Private Hospital John Hunter Hospital

Lake Macquarie Private Hospital Lismore Base Hospital Liverpool Hospital Macquarie University Hospital Maitland Hospital Maitland Private Hospital Manly Hospital Mater Hospital Moruya District Hospital Mount Druitt Hospital Nepean Private Hospital Nepean Public Hospital North Shore Private Hospital Northern Beaches Hospital Norwest Private Hospital **Orange Base Hospital** Prince of Wales Hospital Prince of Wales Private Hospital Queanbeyan Hospital Royal Hospital for Women **Royal North Shore Hospital Royal Prince Alfred Hospital** Ryde Hospital and Community Health Service Southern Highlands Private Hospital St Luke's Hospital St Vincent's General Hospital St Vincent's Private Hospital (Bathurst) St Vincent's Private Hospital (Darlinghurst) St Vincent's Private Hospital (Lismore) Strathfield Private Hospital Sydney Adventist Hospital Sydney Southwest Private Hospital Tamara Private Hospital Tamworth Base Hospital The Tweed Hospital The Wollongong Hospital Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Westmead Hospital Westmead Private Hospital

AUSTRALIA: NORTHERN TERRITORY

Darwin Private Hospital

Royal Darwin Hospital

AUSTRALIA: QUEENSLAND

Allamanda Private Hospital Caboolture Hospital Cairns Base Hospital Cairns Private Friendly Society Private Hospital Gold Coast Hospital - Southport Gold Coast Hospital - Robina Gold Coast Private Hospital **Greenslopes Private Hospital** Hillcrest-Rockhampton Private Hospital Holy Spirit Northside **Ipswich Hospital** John Flynn-Gold Coast Private Hospital Mackay Base Hospital Mater Adult Hospital Mater Hospital (North Mackay) Mater Hospital (Rockhampton) Mater Misericordiae Hospital (Bundaberg) Mater Misericordiae Hospital (Gladstone) Mater Misericordiae Hospital (Townsville) Mater Private Hospital Mater Private Hospital Redland Mater Private Hospital Springfield Nambour Selangor Private Hospital Noosa Hospital - Mayne Health Northwest Private Hospital Peninsula Private Hospital Pindara Gold Coast Private Hospital **Prince Charles Hospital** Princess Alexandra Hospital Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Redcliffe-Caboolture Health Service District Redland Hospital and Health Service Centre **Rockhampton Hospital Royal Brisbane Hospital** St Andrews Private Hospital St Andrews Toowoomba Hospital St Andrew's War Memorial St Vincent's Hospital Sunnybank Private Hospital The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital The Townsville Hospital

Toowoomba Base Hospital Wesley Hospital

AUSTRALIA: SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ashford Hospital Burnside War Memorial Hospital Calvary Health Care Flinders Medical Centre Flinders Private Hospital Lyell McEwin Health Service Millicent and District Hospital and Health Service Modbury Public Hospital Mt Barker District Soldier's Memorial Hospital Naracoorte Health Service Royal Adelaide Hospital St Andrews Hospital Stirling District Hospital The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Western Hospital

AUSTRALIA: TASMANIA

Calvary Health Care Tasmania Hobart Private Hospital Launceston General Hospital North West Regional Hospital St Vincent's Hospital Launceston

AUSTRALIA: VICTORIA

Alfred Hospital **Ballarat Health Services** Barwon Health Geelong Hospital **Beleura Private Hospital** Bendigo Health Care Group Box Hill Hospital **Brighton Cabrini** Cabrini Hospital and Palliative Care Unit **Central Gippsland Health Service Cliveden Hill Hospital** East Grampians Health Service Echuca Regional Health **Epworth Eastern Epworth Freemasons Hospital Epworth Hospital** Frances Perry House Frankston Hospital

John Fawkner Moreland Private Hospital **Knox Private Hospital** La Trobe Regional Hospital Linacre Private Hospital Maroondah Hospital Maryvale Private Hospital Mildura Base Hospital Mildura Private Hospital Mitcham Private Hospital Mount Waverley Private Hospital North East Health Wangaratta & W Base Hospit Peninsula Private Hospital Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute **Ringwood Private Hospital Royal Melbourne Hospital** Royal Women's Hospital Shepparton Private Hospital Southern Health - Casey Hospital Southern Health - Monash Medical Centre (Clayton) Southern Health - Monash Medical Centre (Moorabbin) St John of God Health Care (Bendigo) St John of God Health Care (Geelong) St John of God Health Care (North Ballarat) St John of God Hospital, Berwick St Vincent's Hospital St Vincent's Private (East Melbourne) St Vincent's Private (Fitzroy) The Bays Hospital The Northern Hospital The Valley Private Hospital Wangaratta Private Hospital Warringal Private Hospital - Mayne Health West Gippsland Hospital Wodonga Regional Health Service

AUSTRALIA: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Armadale Health Service Bethesda Hospital Bunbury Regional Hospital Busselton District Hospital Fiona Stanley Hospital Fremantle Hospital Glengarry Private Hospital Hollywood Private Hospital Joondalup Health Campus Mount Hospital Peel Health Campus Royal Perth Hospital St John of God Health Care (Bunbury) St John of God Health Care (Murdoch) St John of God Health Care (Subiaco)

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Anglesea Procedure Centre Ascot Integrated Hospital Auckland Hospital **Bidwill Trust Hospital Boulcott Hospital Bowen Hospital Braemar Hospital Breast Associates** Dunedin Hospital **Gisborne Hospital** Hawkes Bay Hospital Hutt Hospital Manuka Street Hospital Mercy Hospital (Dunedin) Middlemore Hospital Nelson Hospital North Shore Hospital Rotorua Hospital **Royston Hospital** Southern Cross Hospital (Hamilton East) Southern Cross Hospital (Invercargill) Southern Cross Hospital (New Plymouth) Southern Cross Hospital (Palmerston North) Southland Hospital St Andrews Hospital St Marks Taranaki Base Hospital Tauranga Hospital Timaru Hospital Waikato Hospital Wakefield Hospital Wellington Hospital Whakatane Hospital Whanganui Hospital Whangarei Area Hospital

APPENDIX 5: DATA TABLES

TABLE 1: BQA DATA SUBMISSION OVER TIME (BY DIAGNOSIS DATE)

Year	Number of episodes	Number of surgeons participating
1998	1534	95
1999	3726	165
2000	7051	223
2001	7425	223
2002	7284	209
2003	6008	192
2004	5081	208
2005	6437	242
2006	9689	277
2007	10125	280
2008	11456	283
2009	12155	284
2010	13051	298
2011	13459	300
2012	13632	288
2013	14151	288
2014	15105	299
2015	15399	303
2016	15770	310
2017	14315	309
2018	12746	288

TABLE 2: PATIENT AGE DISTRIBUTION FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Cancer type	<40	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Total
Invasive	487	1671	2517	3043	3198	10916
In situ	60	276	497	542	390	1765
Cancer Type missing	4	3	10	15	33	65
Total	551	1950	3024	3600	3621	12746

TABLE 3: TREATMENT LOCATION FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Australia								Now Zoolond	Location	Total
ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	New Zealand	missing	TOLAI
226	3712	55	2036	1294	168	2494	959	1786	16	12746

TABLE 4: REFERRAL SOURCE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Symptomatic	BreastScreen	Other	Referral Source missing	Total
6411	4944	1295	96	12746

TABLE 5: REFERRAL SOURCE FOR INVASIVE TUMOURS, BY TUMOUR SIZE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Referral Source	<10mm	10-14mm	15-19mm	20-29mm	30-39mm	40+mm	Tumour Size missing	Total
Symptomatic	908	773	868	1396	702	1046	186	5879
BreastScreen	1130	903	681	630	263	248	78	3933
Other	354	236	149	131	62	82	20	1034
Referral Source missing	10	6	4	12	4	10	24	70
Total	2402	1918	1702	2169	1031	1386	308	10916

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TABLE 6: REFERRAL SOURCE FOR IN SITU TUMOURS, BY TUMOUR SIZE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Referral Source	<10mm	10-14mm	15-19mm	20-29mm	30-39mm	40+mm	Tumour Size missing	Total
Symptomatic	120	51	45	94	51	134	13	508
BreastScreen	257	119	95	161	108	230	23	993
Other	62	36	25	33	20	67	11	254
Referral Source missing	2	1	1	0	3	0	3	10
Total	441	207	166	288	182	431	50	1765

TABLE 7: FINAL SURGERY FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Surgery category	Invasive	In situ	Cancer Type missing	Total
Breast conserving surgery only	6500	1117	5	7622
Simple mastectomy	3132	375	5	3512
Mastectomy with reconstruction	767	214	0	981
Other surgery	118	22	1	141
No surgery	187	12	1	200
Surgery information missing	212	25	53	290
TOTAL	10916	1765	65	12746

TABLE 8: FINAL SURGERY, BY PATIENT AGE, FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Surgery category	<40	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Total
Breast conserving surgery only	202	1020	1859	2502	2039	7622
Simple mastectomy	174	512	716	825	1285	3512
Mastectomy with reconstruction	144	351	310	135	41	981
Other surgery	4	21	37	43	36	141
No surgery	13	16	23	32	116	200
Surgery information missing	14	30	79	63	104	290
Total	551	1950	3024	3600	3621	12746

TABLE 9: FINAL SURGERY, BY TUMOUR SIZE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Surgery category		Invasive										
	<10mm	10-14mm	15-19mm	20-29mm	30-39mm	40+mm	Tumour Size missing	Total				
Breast conserving surgery only	1673	1446	1199	1311	522	316	33	6500				
Simple mastectomy	427	341	388	668	414	877	17	3132				
Mastectomy with reconstruction	213	98	90	139	76	149	2	767				
Other	37	25	12	22	12	9	1	118				
No surgery	49	6	11	28	7	33	53	187				
Surgery information missing	3	2	2	1	0	2	202	212				
Total	2402	1918	1702	2169	1031	1386	308	10916				

Surgery category		In situ									
	<10mm	10-14mm	15-19mm	20-29mm	30-39mm	40+mm	Tumour Size missing	Total			
Breast conserving surgery only	376	168	128	201	116	119	9	1117			
Simple mastectomy	41	24	23	48	45	187	7	375			
Mastectomy with reconstruction	15	11	14	36	19	116	3	214			
Other	7	3	0	2	2	8	0	22			
No surgery	2	1	1	1	0	1	6	12			
Surgery information missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25			
Total	441	207	166	288	182	431	50	1765			

				Aust	Now Zooland	Treatment	Total				
Surgery category	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	New Zealand	Location missing	TOLAI
Breast conserving surgery only	147	2287	27	1168	699	112	1701	498	977	6	7622
Simple mastectomy	72	901	21	708	380	34	475	316	601	4	3512
Mastectomy with reconstruction	7	306	6	102	23	16	261	115	145	0	981
Other	0	98	0	7	3	0	6	20	7	0	141
No surgery	0	55	0	26	13	6	33	10	51	6	200
Surgery information missing	0	65	1	25	176	0	18	0	5	0	290
Total	226	3712	55	2036	1294	168	2494	959	1786	16	12746

TABLE 10: FINAL SURGERY, BY TREATMENT LOCATION FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

TABLE 11: FINAL SURGERY, BY REFERRAL SOURCE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Surgery category	Symptomatic	BreastScreen	Other	Referral Source missing	Total
Breast conserving surgery only	3324	3596	670	32	7622
Simple mastectomy	2180	944	363	25	3512
Mastectomy with reconstruction	565	237	177	2	981
Other	43	66	24	8	135
No surgery	154	14	31	1	200
Surgery information missing	145	87	30	28	290
Total	6411	4944	1295	96	12746

TABLE 12: FURTHER SURGERY AFTER BREAST CONSERVING SURGERY FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Surgery category	Invasive	In situ	Cancer Type missing	Total
Mastectomy	667	183	1	851
Re-excision	790	216	0	1006
Other surgery	109	19	0	128
No further surgery	5710	901	5	6616
Total	7276	1319	6	8601

TABLE 13: FURTHER SURGERY AFTER BREAST CONSERVING SURGERY, BY PATIENT AGE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Surgery category	<40	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Total
Mastectomy	57	195	229	191	179	851
Re-excision	24	156	262	317	247	1006
Other surgery	3	19	36	39	31	128
No further surgery	178	864	1597	2185	1792	6616
Total	262	1234	2124	2732	2249	8601

		Invasive											
Surgery category	<10mm	10-14mm	15-19mm	20-29mm	30-39mm	40+mm	Tumour size missing	TOTAL					
Mastectomy	123	83	93	121	79	165	3	667					
Re-excision	213	144	128	157	94	54	0	790					
Other surgery	37	20	11	21	12	7	1	109					
No further surgery	1460	1302	1071	1154	428	262	33	5710					
Total	1833	1549	1303	1453	613	488	37	7276					

TABLE 14: FURTHER SURGERY AFTER BREAST CONSERVING SURGERY, BY TUMOUR SIZE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

		In situ											
Surgery category	<10mm	10-14mm	15-19mm	20-29mm	30-39mm	40+mm	Tumour size missing	TOTAL					
Mastectomy	10	10	10	26	20	105	2	183					
Re-excision	31	21	24	52	40	47	1	216					
Other surgery	6	3	0	2	2	6	0	19					
No further surgery	345	147	104	149	76	72	8	901					
Total	392	181	138	229	138	230	11	1319					

TABLE 15: FURTHER SURGERY AFTER BREAST CONSERVING SURGERY, BY TREATMENT LOCATION FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

	Australia							New Zeeland	Treatment	Total	
Surgery category	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	New Zealand	Location missing	Iotai
Mastectomy	14	231	8	191	81	15	150	79	82	0	851
Re-excision	19	320	2	191	56	15	207	65	131	0	1006
Other surgery	0	94	0	5	1	0	3	19	6	0	128
No further surgery	128	1967	25	977	643	97	1494	433	846	6	6616
Total	161	2612	35	1364	781	127	1854	596	1065	6	8601

TABLE 16: AXILLARY SURGERY FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Axillary surgery	Invasive	In situ	Cancer Type missing	Total
Sentinel Node Biopsy	7587	643	5	8235
Axillary Node Dissection	2584	42	3	2629
Unknown level of surgery	11	1	0	12
No Axillary Surgery	354	1028	3	1385
Axillary surgery information missing	380	51	54	485
Total	10916	1765	65	12746

TABLE 17: AXILLARY SURGERY, BY PATIENT AGE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

Axillary surgery	<40	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	TOTAL
Sentinel Node Biopsy	268	1259	1917	2478	2313	8235
Axillary Node Dissection	219	489	634	613	674	2629
Unknown level of surgery	1	0	6	3	2	12
No Axillary Surgery	35	160	366	420	404	1385
Axillary surgery information missing	28	42	101	86	228	485
Total	551	1950	3024	3600	3621	12746

TABLE 18: AXILLARY SURGERY, BY TUMOUR SIZE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

	Invasive								
Surgery category	<10mm	10-14mm	15-19mm	20-29mm	30-39mm	40+mm	Tumour size missing	TOTAL	
Sentinel Node Biopsy	1916	1621	1328	1497	624	560	41	7587	
Axillary Node Dissection	320	224	321	597	367	739	16	2584	
Unknown level of surgery	5	1	2	2	0	1	0	11	
No Axillary Surgery	121	65	38	47	32	50	1	354	
Axillary surgery information missing	40	7	13	26	8	36	250	380	
Total	2402	1918	1702	2169	1031	1386	308	10916	

_	In situ									
Surgery category	<10mm	10-14mm	15-19mm	20-29mm	30-39mm	40+mm	Tumour size missing	TOTAL		
Sentinel Node Biopsy	74	47	54	96	71	294	7	643		
Axillary Node Dissection	7	0	2	5	5	22	1	42		
Unknown level of surgery	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		
No Axillary Surgery	355	159	107	186	105	109	7	1028		
Axillary surgery information missing	5	1	2	1	1	6	35	51		
Total	441	207	166	288	182	431	50	1765		

TABLE 19: KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - OVERALL COMPLIANCE FOR EPISODES DIAGNOSED IN 2018

	Compliance	Threshold	Numerator	Denominator	Excluded
KPI 1	92%	85%	5807	6290	358
KPI 2	90%	85%	8000	8887	550
KPI 3	95%	90%	10185	10694	287
KPI 4	99%	90%	1691	1711	102
KPI 5	88%	85%	857	972	305
KPI 6	90%	90%	2240	2487	295

TABLE 20: KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS WITH QUALITY THRESHOLD AT 85% - OVERALL COMPLIANCE BY YEAR

		KPI1							
Diagnosis year	Compliance	Numerator	Denominator	Excluded	Diagnosis year	Compliance	Numerator	Denominator	Excluded
2004	93.3%	2086	2235	312	2004	93.9%	2639	2810	713
2005	93.7%	2620	2797	264	2005	92.8%	3562	3838	671
2006	93.2%	4086	4385	360	2006	91.6%	5509	6011	870
2007	93.3%	4238	4542	421	2007	90.7%	5593	6167	991
2008	93.2%	4678	5018	383	2008	89.6%	6451	7203	932
2009	93.2%	4752	5096	370	2009	89.2%	6929	7772	990
2010	92.5%	5089	5501	469	2010	90.1%	7637	8477	997
2011	92.9%	5721	6158	267	2011	88.8%	8151	9175	726
2012	93.3%	5679	6085	235	2012	91.3%	8507	9321	714
2013	92.8%	5879	6335	228	2013	91.0%	8878	9755	646
2014	92.4%	6276	6789	388	2014	89.6%	9197	10262	839
2015	90.6%	6544	7221	286	2015	86.4%	9156	10595	658
2016	89.8%	6459	7526	276	2016	86.1%	9503	11042	504
2017	90.6%	6344	7002	252	2017	86.7%	8794	10138	438
2018	92.3%	5807	6290	358	2018	90.0%	8000	8887	550

KPI5											
Diagnosis year	Compliance	Numerator	Denominator	Excluded							
2004	83.9%	374	446	477							
2005	84.6%	556	657	386							
2006	87.0%	790	908	431							
2007	86.3%	842	976	351							
2008	85.3%	1002	1175	352							
2009	84.8%	999	1178	321							
2010	86.6%	1101	1271	303							
2011	88.0%	1170	1329	272							
2012	86.9%	1143	1316	218							
2013	88.5%	1184	1338	179							
2014	86.5%	1160	1341	364							
2015	86.0%	1163	1352	239							
2016	85.5%	1137	1330	270							
2017	83.5%	984	1178	229							
2018	88.2%	857	972	305							

94.6%

94.5%

95.3%

94.9%

95.2%

		KPI3						KPI4		
Diagnosis year	Compliance	Numerator	Denominator	Excluded	ב א	Diagnosis /ear	Compliance	Numerator	Denominator	
2004	95.0%	3889	4092	330	2	2004	90.2%	395	438	Γ
2005	94.8%	4973	5246	333	2	2005	93.6%	572	611	Γ
2006	95.0%	7416	7810	621	2	2006	95.2%	824	866	Γ
2007	94.8%	7902	8334	422	2	2007	95.6%	967	1011	Γ
2008	95.1%	9171	9642	318	2	2008	96.4%	1189	1233	Γ
2009	93.7%	9603	10251	202	2	2009	97.3%	1599	1643	Γ
2010	94.0%	10463	11135	144	2	2010	97.6%	1671	1712	Γ
2011	94.0%	10918	11617	117	2	2011	98.4%	1652	1679	Γ
2012	93.8%	10979	11699	128	2	2012	98.2%	1725	1756	
2013	93.4%	11209	12002	194	2	2013	97.4%	1834	1882	

TABLE 21: KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS WITH QUALITY THRESHOLD AT 90% - OVERALL COMPLIANCE BY YEAR

Excluded

98.3%

97.6%

98.7%

98.9%

98.8%

	KPI6											
Diagnosis year	Compliance	Numerator	Denominator	Excluded								
2004	90.2%	694	769	1768								
2005	89.7%	1228	1369	1262								
2006	89.8%	2052	2284	831								
2007	90.9%	2152	2368	870								
2008	92.6%	2610	2818	767								
2009	93.0%	2576	2770	693								
2010	93.7%	2856	3048	743								
2011	91.4%	2900	3172	613								
2012	93.1%	3042	3269	487								
2013	93.0%	2994	3220	423								
2014	92.4%	2982	3227	607								
2015	90.8%	3042	3350	474								
2016	89.1%	2930	3290	465								
2017	90.3%	2705	2994	340								
2018	90.1%	2240	2487	295								