



Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Victorian Audit of Surgical Mortality

Reporting data to the Victorian Audit of Surgical Mortality

VASM Webinar Series
Wednesday, 27 July 2022, from 10.30am
Followed by the Hospital Forum Meeting

The aim of VASM's webinar series is to continue engagement with the health services and clinicians. A hospital forum meeting will be held straight after the event for health service representatives.

| Time | Presentation |
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| 10.30am – 10.35am | Acknowledge Country & Open Webinar Session A/Prof Philip McCahy, Clinical Director, VASM |
| 10.35am – 11.05am | Reporting data to VASM by a health service Dr Bibhusal Thapa, Matthew Soo and Christine Polmear, Northern Health |
| 11.05am – 11.30am | Close webinar session and start hospital forum meeting |

Register via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9sVzG8xiTMOcvzvg5FghAg

All surgical and allied health professionals are welcome to register via Zoom. Enquiries email: vasm@surgeons.org. Fellows who attend this activity qualifies for 1 Point in Educational Activities of RACS CPD Program.

Chair Profile

A/Prof Philip McCahy, FRACS, Clinical Director, VASM



Associate Professor Philip McCahy is the Clinical Director of VASM. He is a benign urologist at Monash Health and in Gippsland. He happily talks anytime about stones and VASM and runs a popular undergraduate surgery tutorial program for Monash University. Prior to moving to Australia in 2007, he was a consultant urologist in Kent, UK and on the Court of Examiners for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

He has also been heavily involved in teaching trainees and medical students around the world. He has taught trainees and students in the UK, has worked in Tanzania as part of the Urolink arm of the British Association of Urological Surgeons, is the urology advisor to RACS Global Health and leads a regular trip to Tonga as part of RACS Pacific Islands Project.

Speaker Profiles

Dr Bibhusal Thapa, FRACS and Surgical Quality Committee Member, Northern Health

He is a Thoracic surgeon and a member of the surgical quality team of the Surgical Division of Northern Health since August 2020. Dr Thapa completed his undergraduate study, post-graduate training in general surgery in Nepal and then specialty training in Thoracic surgery. In 2010, Dr Thapa received the Rowan Nicks Scholarship which allowed him to undertake fellowship training in Thoracic Surgery in Melbourne. Subsequently, Dr Thapa undertook and completed a PhD studying Mesothelioma through Melbourne University. Dr Thapa gathered extensive experiences working both in Nepal and Australia and continues to have keen interest in clinical research, surgical education and surgical quality improvement.

Matthew Soo, Former Director of Risk Management Quality, Safety and Transformation, Northern Health

He was the Director of Risk Management at Northern Health before joining The Royal Melbourne Hospital in June 2022. Matthew led the transformation of clinical and business risk management at Northern Health that was awarded 'Met with Merit' in two National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards accreditations. Matthew has 15 years' experience as an audit, quality and risk advisor and he is the chair of the Victorian Healthcare Risk Managers Community of Practice. As a risk manager he is interested in digitising quality and safety systems to improve workforce engagement and ultimately patient experience.

Christine Polmear, Audit and Performance Manager & Acting Director of Risk Management Quality, Safety and Transformation, Northern Health

She has a clinical background in intensive care and surgical physiotherapy. She completed a Master of Health Services Management. She worked at several health services in Melbourne; as a clinician and in quality, safety and risk and management over the last 15 years. She is passionate about evidence-based practice and implementing systems and processes to support clinicians to monitor and improve quality of care.

Victorian Audit of Surgical Mortality

The Victorian Audit of Surgical Mortality (VASM) seeks to review all deaths associated with surgical care.

VASM is a collaboration between Safer Care Victoria (SCV), a branch of the Victorian Government's Department of Health and Human Services, the Victorian Perioperative Consultative Council (VPCC) and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS). The VASM project is funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services. The VASM management committee meets three times per year and oversees the project which constitutes an invaluable foundation to the running and success of the audit program. RACS manages VASM through the Melbourne head office.

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We would like to thank the presenters from Northern Health with special thanks to Christine Polmear, Audit and Performance Manager and Acting Director of Risk Management and Quality & Safety.

We would also like to thank the delegates for attending the VASM Webinar Series. We look forward to seeing you online and face to face in the near future.

Survey

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