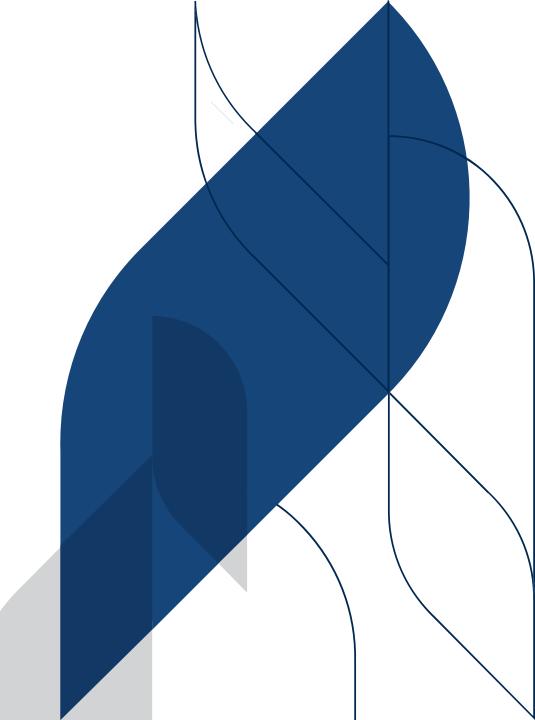


Dr Adam Zimmet, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, FRACS 21 February 2024



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Second-Line Assessment (SLA) - Timeline

- ✓ Request to conduct an SLA peer review (via email from regional office).
- ✓ Download documents from cloud storage (Kiteworks).
- ✓ Review document of medical notes, surgeon's surgical case form and reason for SLA.
- ✓ Prepare a 1-page report and use the guideline, upload to Kiteworks or email to regional office.
- ✓ Complete online SLA form and submit to regional office.
- ✓ Feedback sent to treating surgeon.

What you need:

- Internet access
- Login details
- Documentation



Correspondence

- Email request and notice for SLA sent to your nominated email address from regional office.
- Email contains brief information about the case.

Dear Dr Adam Zimmet,

I am writing to ask if you have the capacity and would be willing to undertake a second-line assessment at this time.

This would be for a case evaluating the care offered to a 73-year-old male patient admitted with *Coronary artery disease + Moderate Aortic Stenosis* who replacement 25 mm pericardial tissue valve, CABG x2_SVG-PDA, SVG-OM.

The First-Line assessor has queried the Haemodynamic management; diagnosis of gut ischaemia; intraoperative assessment of the aorta which may have

If you would be willing to undertake this assessment we can arrange to have the assessment materials delivered to you electronically.

Kind Regards,

Victorian Audit of Surgical Mortality (VASM) Research, Audit and Academic Surgery (RAAS)



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Kiteworks process to download document

Note: This is an assessment request - not your own case.

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VASM has implemented a new process to complete Second-Line Assessments online via Kiteworks (a secure file sharing platform).

New users will receive the following e-mails from RACS Notification (noreply@kiteworks.surgeons.org) to securely access your VASM SLA documents:

- 1. VASM gave you secure access to the VASM folder (you will be required to register)
- 2. Welcome to "Kiteworks" (confirmation of account creation and account activation link)
- 3. Your "Kiteworks" one-time passcode (Multifactor authentication required to log in)

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The assessments are to be completed within 21 days, after this period the cases will be re-assigned to a different assessor.

Guidelines to assist you can be downloaded from https://www.surgeons.org/-/media/Project/RACS/surgeons-org/files/surgical-mortality-audits/vasm/guidelines-for-assessors.pdf

If you have any questions about this new process, please contact our office on 03 9249 1130 or vasm@surgeons.org.

Thank you for your participation in the Victorian Audit of Surgical Mortality (VASM).

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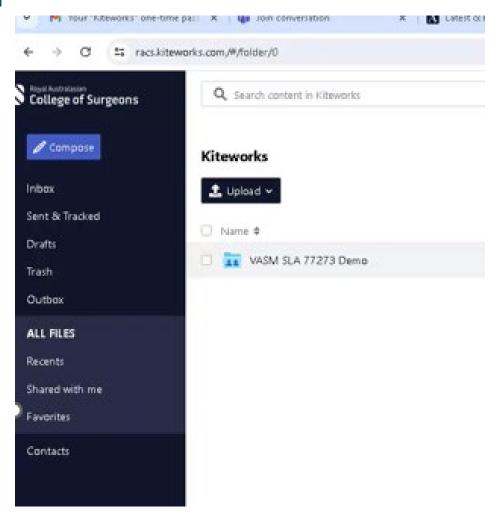
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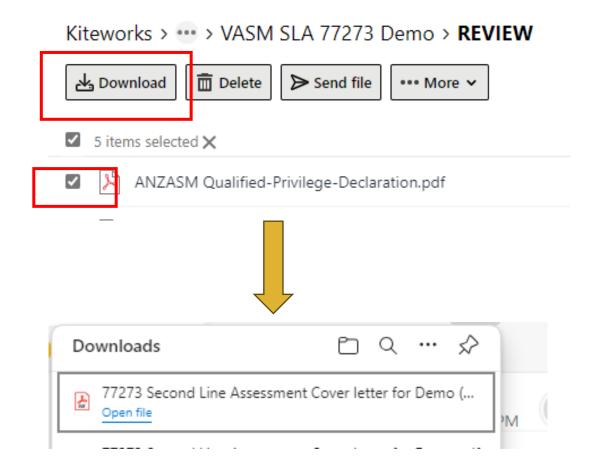
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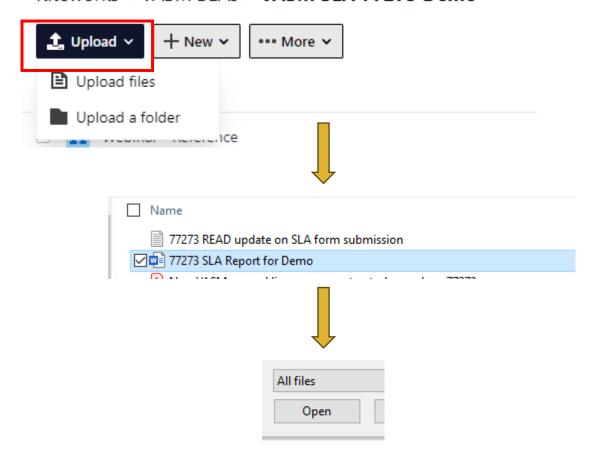


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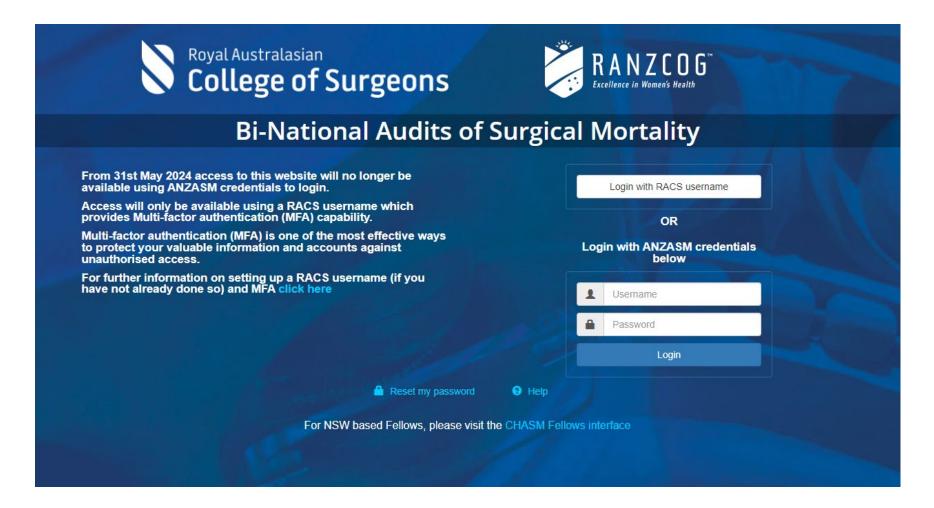


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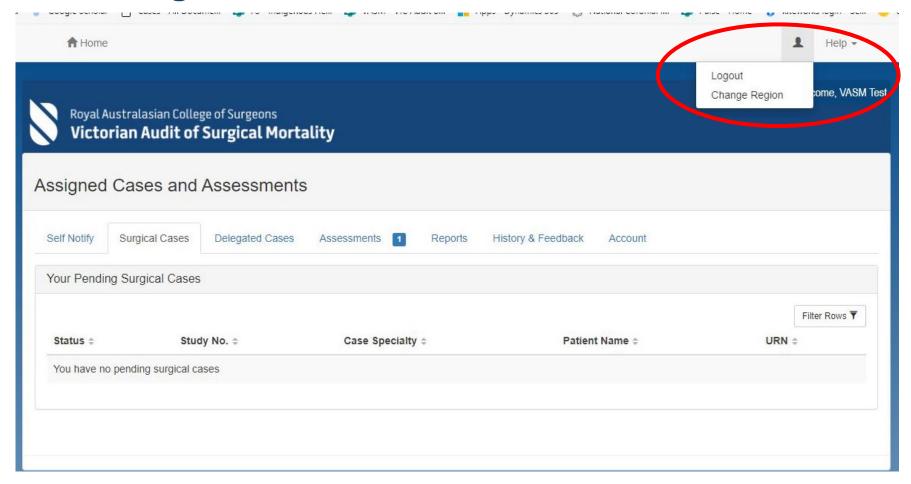
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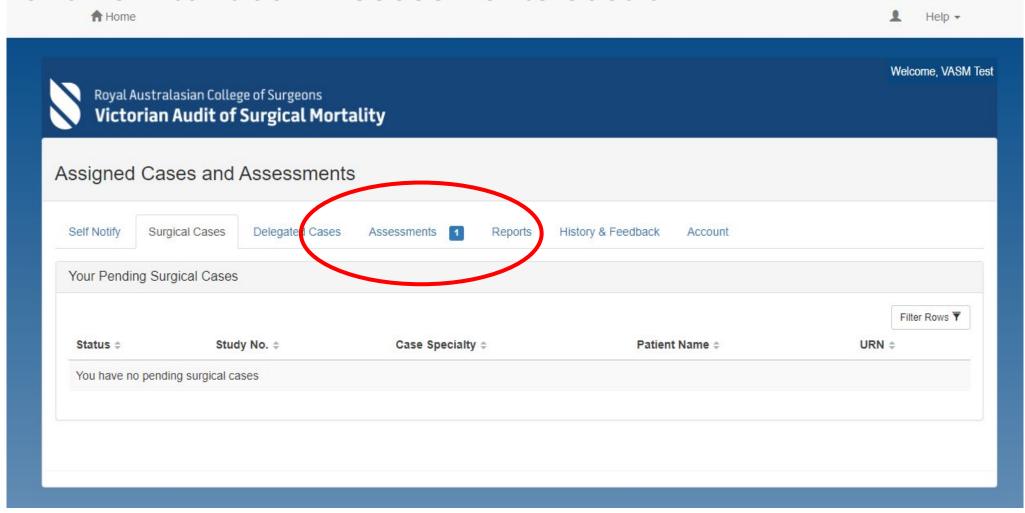
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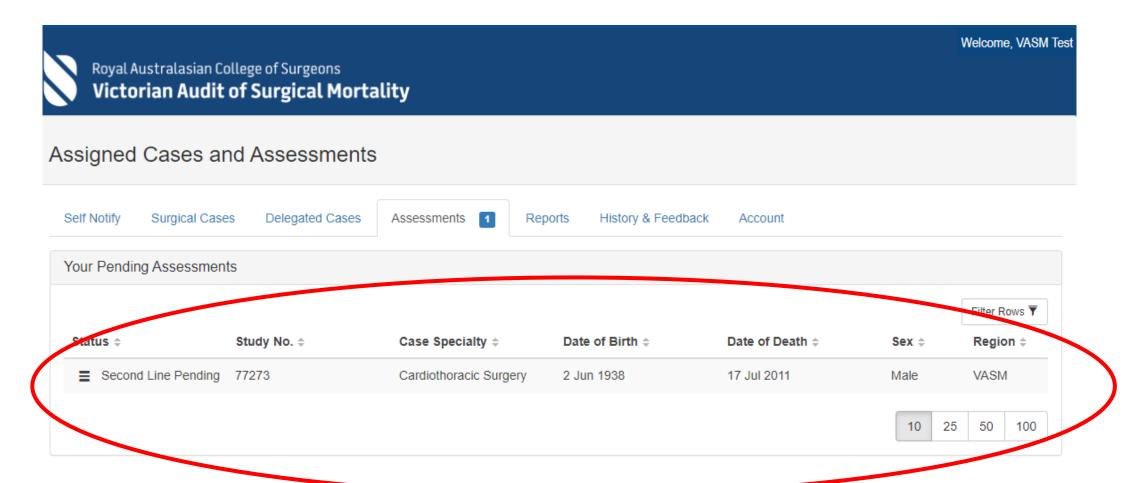
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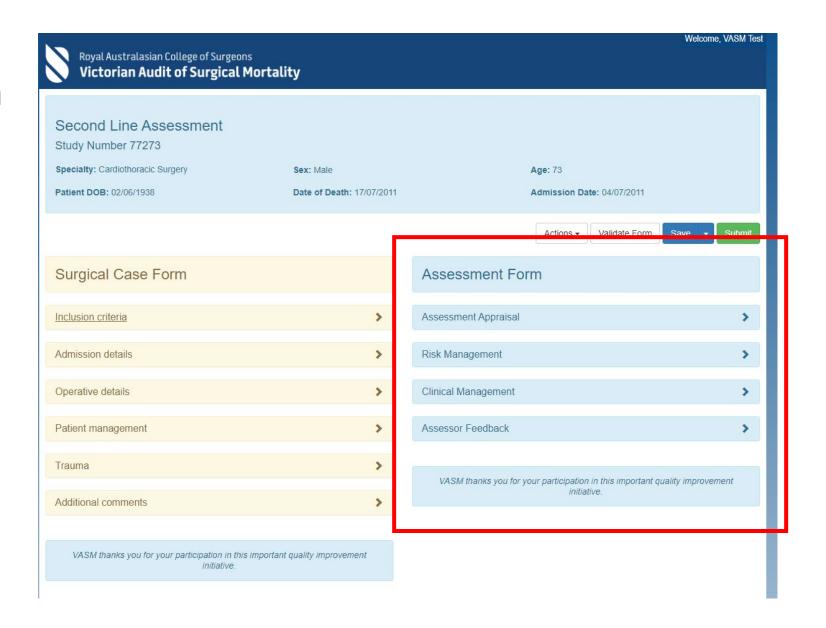
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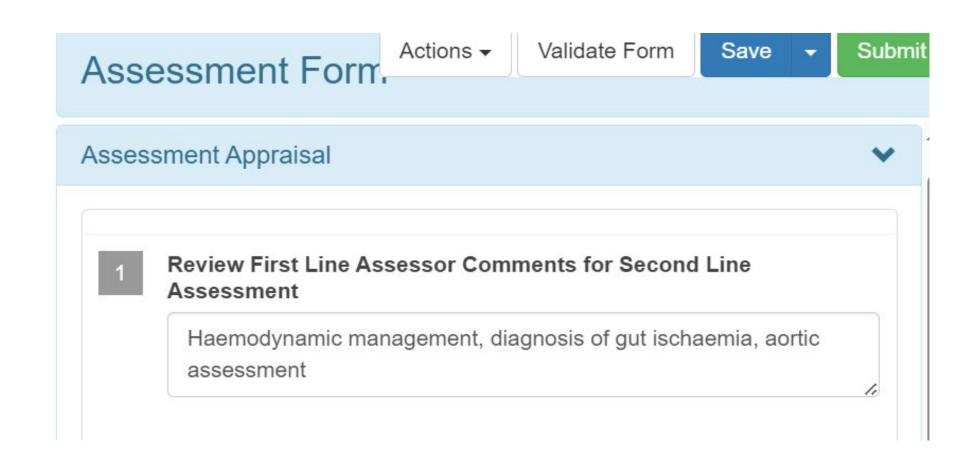


Second-Line Form

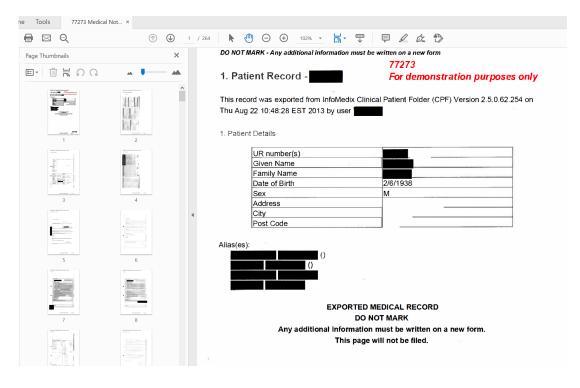
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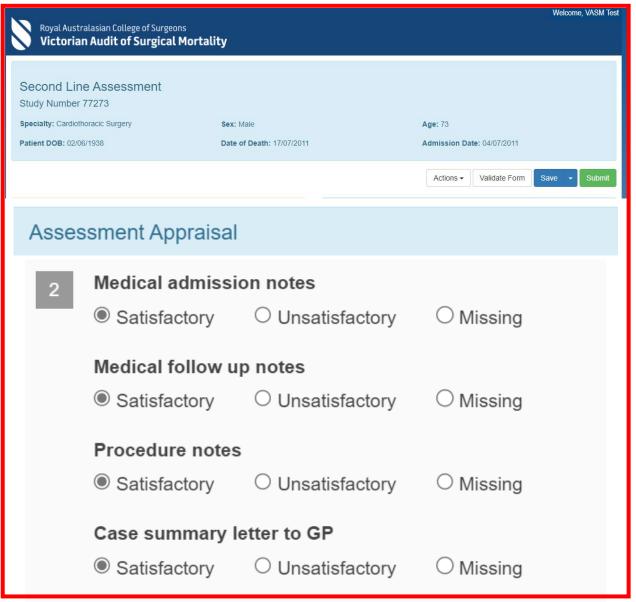
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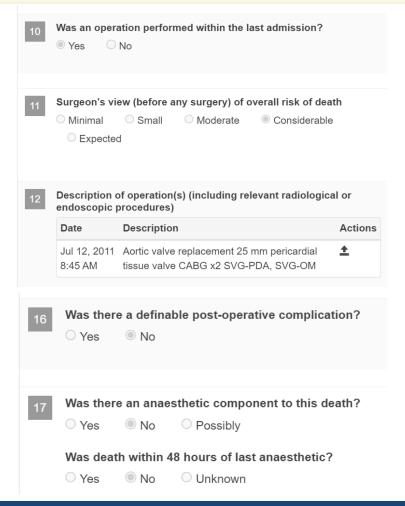
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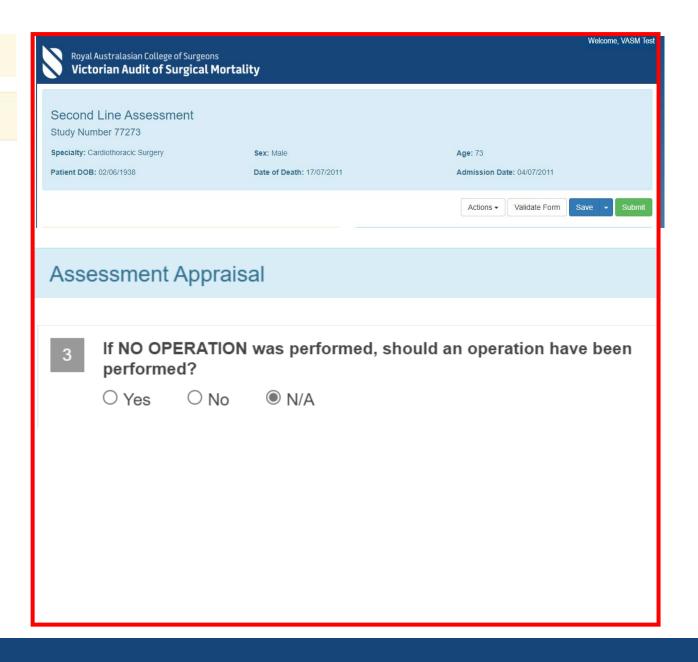




Surgical Case Form

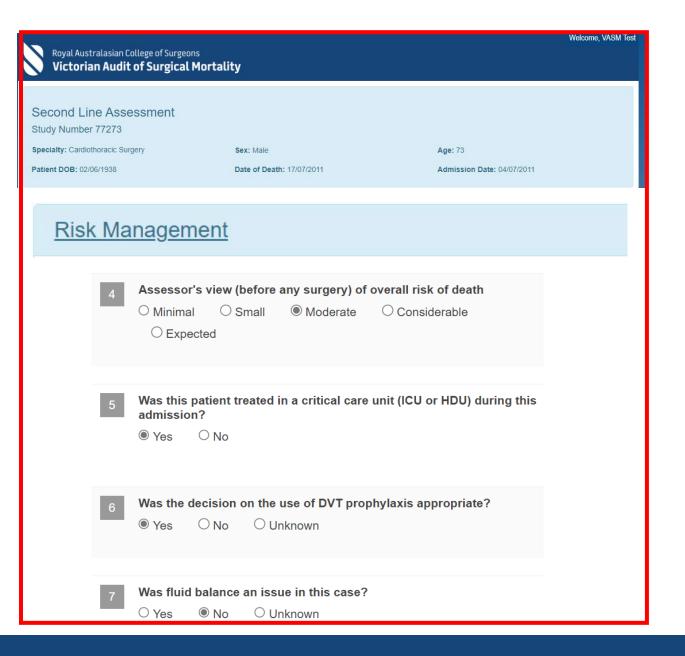
Operative details





Surgical Case Form

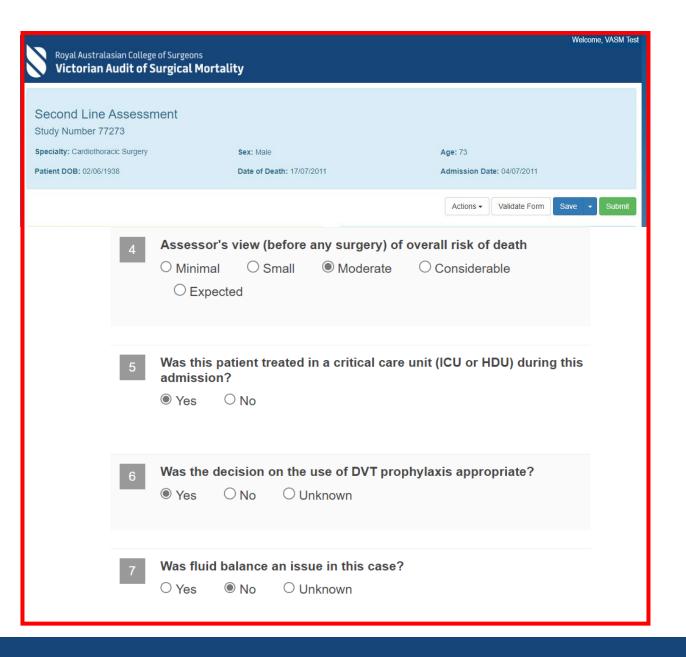
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Also refer to the medical notes

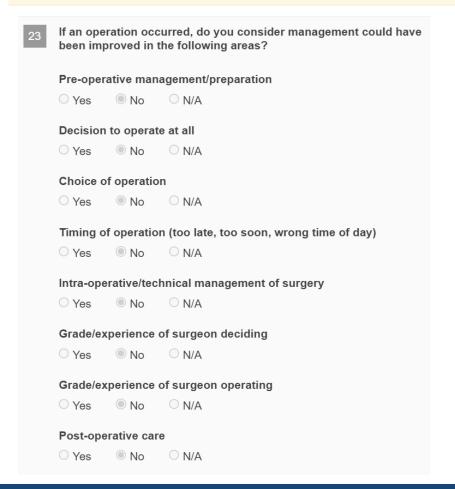
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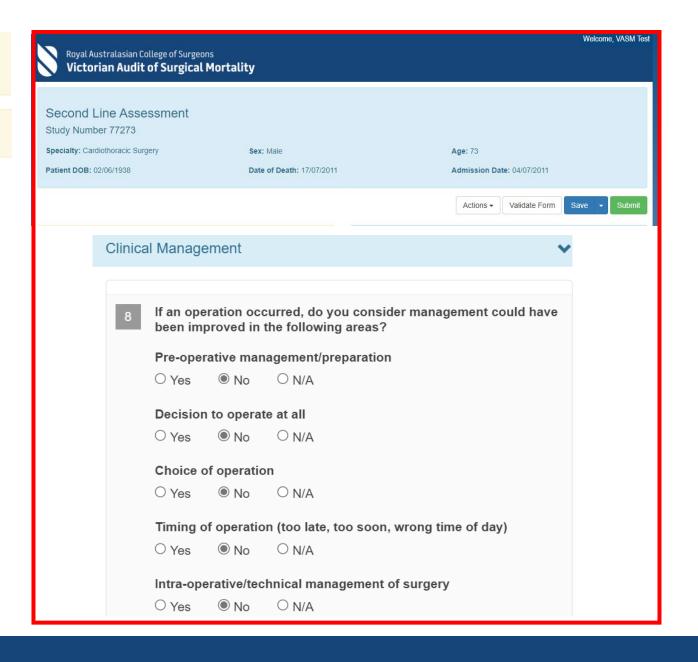
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Surgical Case Form

Patient management





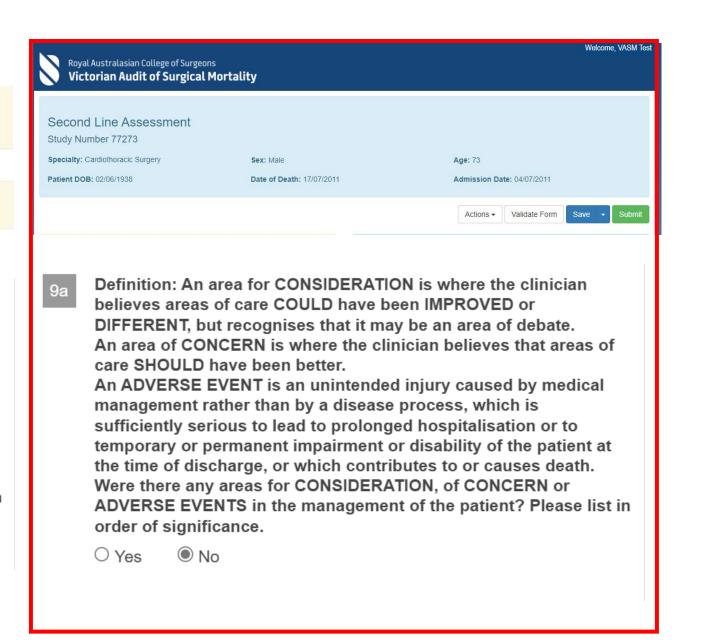
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An area for CONSIDERATION is where the clinician believes areas of care COULD have been IMPROVED or DIFFERENT, but recognises that it may be an area of debate.

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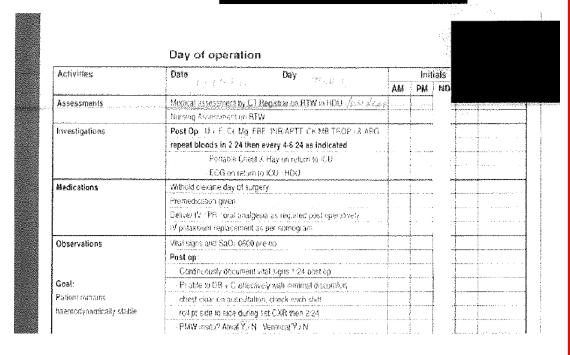
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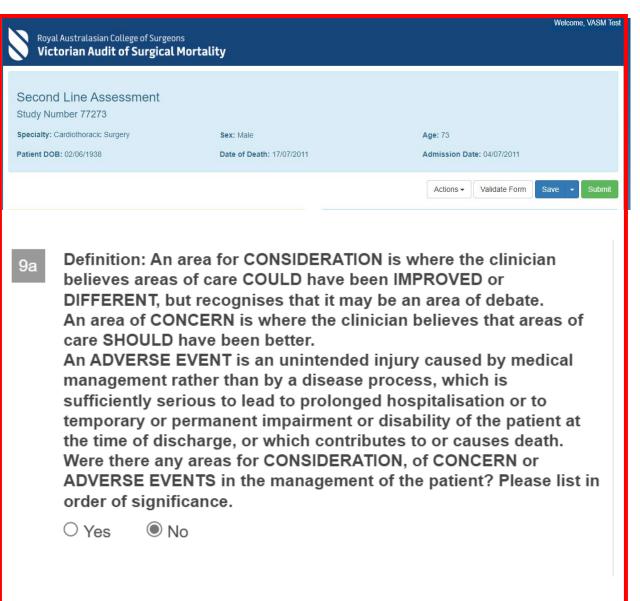
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Also refer to the medical notes

108. Clinical Pathway Cardiac





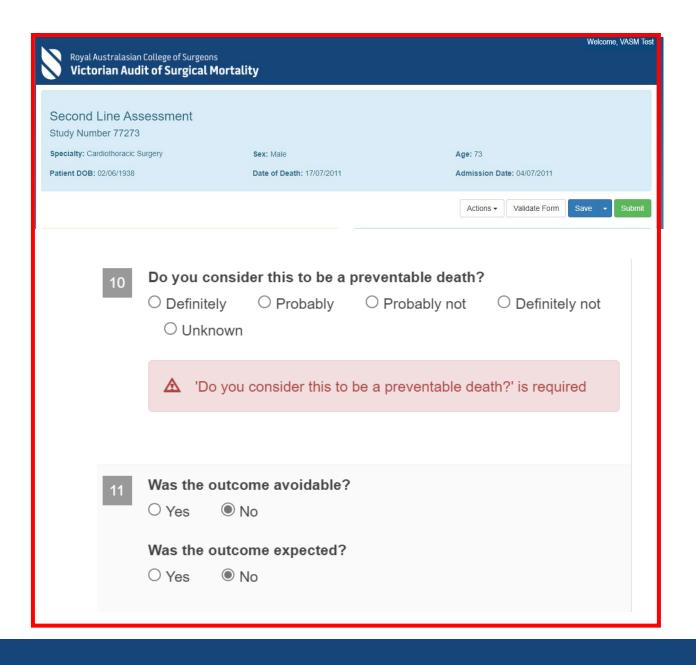
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Admission details

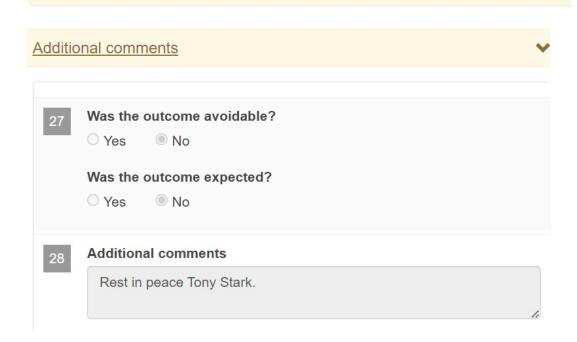
- Please describe the patient's course to death. In framing your answer, please consider the following questions:
 - Why was the patient admitted?
 - Was this patient transferred to your hospital?
 - What was the possible diagnosis?
 - What clinical investigations took place?
 - What was the preoperative course?
 - What was the intraoperative course?
 - What was the postoperative course?
 - What was the cause of death?

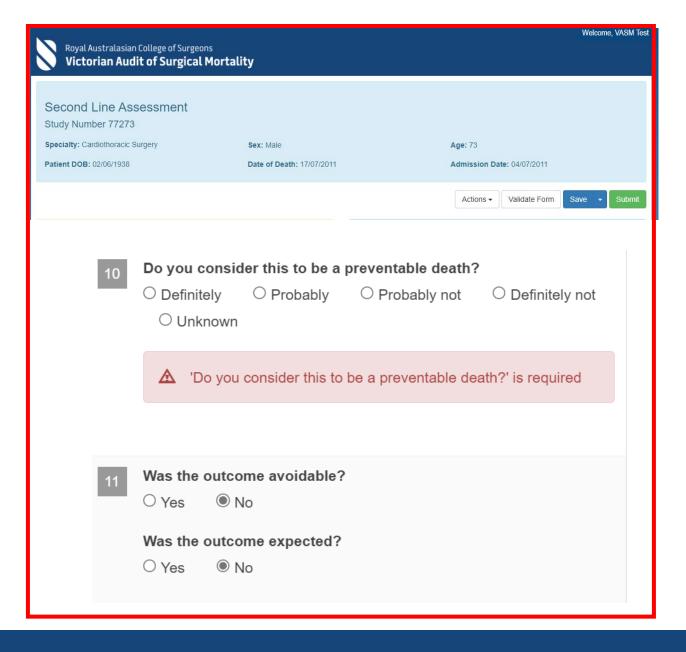
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Patient had long history of angina and been investigated with prior angiograms.



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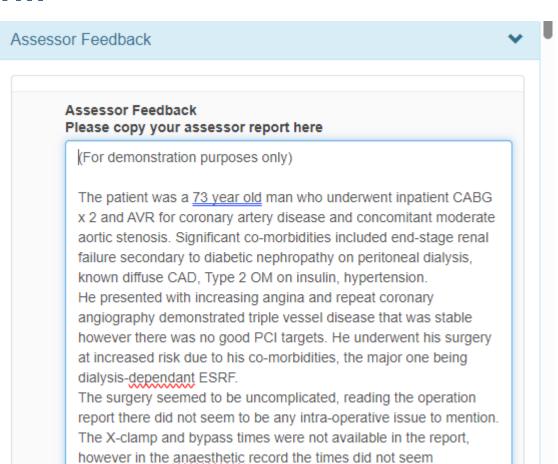




Second-Line Assessment Form

- User Guide

https://www.surgeons.org/-/media/Project/RACS/surgeons-org/files/surgical-mortality-audits/2023-07-27-ANZASM-Assessment-Guidelines.pdf



For demonstration purposes only

Prepare a report

- Review using case documents (medical case note records and online surgical case form / pdf copy)
- Use the guideline

VASM 77273 Second Line Assessment Report

The patient was a <u>73 year old</u> man who underwent inpatient CABG x 2 and AVR for coronary artery disease and concomitant moderate aortic stenosis. Significant co-morbidities included end-stage renal failure secondary to diabetic nephropathy on peritoneal dialysis, known diffuse CAD, Type 2 OM on insulin, hypertension.

He presented with increasing angina and repeat coronary angiography demonstrated triple vessel disease that was stable however there was no good PCI targets. He underwent his surgery at increased risk due to his co-morbidities, the major one being dialysis-dependant ESRF.

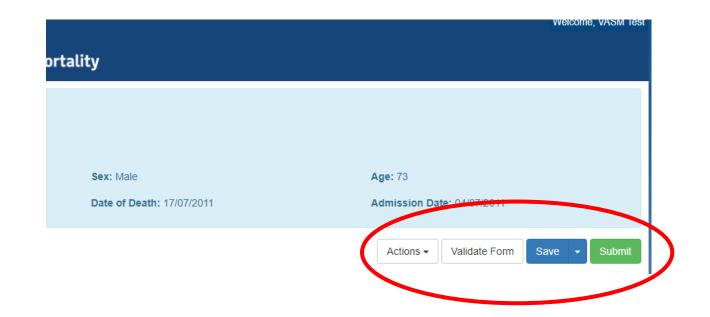
The surgery seemed to be uncomplicated, reading the operation report there did not seem to be any intra-operative issue to mention. The X-clamp and bypass times were not available in the report, however in the anaesthetic record the times did not seem excessive. The patient came off bypass on low dose noradrenaline infusion (according to anaesthetic chart) which slowly increased to

7mcg/kg/min. from the ICU charts (poorly photocopied) however the NA seemed to increase substantially and remained at high doses throughout the postoperative period, the patient remained profoundly vasoplegic, initially with preserved LV function but this deteriorated towards the end of the ICU stay, culminating in multiorgan failure and eventually death.

From the provided documentation, I do not have any major issues with the management of this case, only to mention that the patient had known stable CAD and moderate aortic stenosis, was there a need to operate at all? I am aware he had significant angina but was medical management maximised? This would be a tricky balance given his co-morbidities and with the value of hindsight this question can be asked but given he was forwarded for high-risk surgery the none must assume the decision to operate was carefully considered.

Submission

- Recommend you click on SAVE to ensure your review is saved online.
- When you are finished, hit the Submit button.
- The form will be received and processed by the regional office.
- A thank you email will be sent to you to acknowledge receipt.



Example of Feedback letter

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15-02-2024



Study ID: 77273

Dear

Patient name	UMRN	DOB	Date of death
Tony Stark (fake name)		02-06-1938	17-07-2011

Hospital:

Confirmed Diagnosis Coronary artery disease + Moderate Aortic Stenosis

Stated Cause of death Vasoplegia, Multiorgan failure

Operation 12/07/2011 Aortic valve replacement 25 mm pericardial tissue valve

CABG x2 SVG-PDA, SVG-OM

The above-named patient died whilst under your care. A peer review assessment has been completed. The assessor has indicated no perceived issues in the management of the case. Please find the assessor's report attached.

We hope that you will find these comments educational. If you believe the assessment is unfair you can request a further assessment for this case.

We thank you for your continued involvement in the Victorian Audit of Surgical Mortality (VASM).

Yours sincerely,

xxx, FRACS Clinical Director



Reference:

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- VASM Management Committee

Any questions?