



quick bits

Welcome to QASM *quick bits* issue one – January 2014

Brief updates for you and your colleagues.

QASM seminar update

November 2013 seminar, *Adverse Events – Systems or Surgeons*, is now online. To view the five presentations [click here](#). Seventy surgeons attended this one-day Brisbane-based seminar.

Note: Next QASM seminar = Friday 7 November 2014. SAVE THE DATE

QASM online improvements

All ANZASM online mortality audits are being improved to help surgeons. Improvements include: surgeons being able to generate an online notification of death directly to their state-based audit; and registrars/trainees being able to securely enter data on behalf of Consultants (the data still has to be reviewed and approved, by the Consultant, before submitting online). These improvements should be operational by mid-2014.

QASM in Singapore (5-9 May 2014)

Dr John North (as QASM Clinical Director) will be presenting at the ASC in Singapore in May 2014. His presentation title: *Learning from Surgical Mortality in Australia*. **Note:** Sir Bruce Keogh will be an ASC guest speaker and will be sharing his audit experiences from the National Health Service in the United Kingdom.

(*Annual Scientific Congress, Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands, in Singapore: “Working Together for Our Patients”; [click here](#))

QASM recognised

Dr John North has been awarded the prestigious ESR Hughes Award by the College for his contributions to surgery. QASM would like to congratulate John North on his award.