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The ANZSCTS Database Program was founded in 1999 as an initiative of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Cardiac Thoracic Surgeons (ANZSCTS), Monash University, and the Victorian Department of Health. Since then, the program has expanded nationally to become Australia’s only adult cardiac surgery database.

The ANZSCTS Database Program is an established quality assurance program with aims to:

- Monitor patient treatment and outcomes
- Track serious complications
- Benchmark unit performance nationally
- Standardise quality of treatment and care for patients
- Encourage research into improved cardiac healthcare

The Data Custodian is Professor Christopher Reid, Director of the Centre for Cardiovascular Research and Education in Therapeutics (CCRET), Monash University. CCRET is responsible for the management and maintenance of the program.

There are currently twenty-three public hospitals (out of twenty-four) and eight private hospitals enrolled in the program Australia-wide.

Funding is provided by the Department of Health (VIC), the Clinical Excellence Commission (NSW) and individual units.

The Governance of the ANZSCTS Database Program is within the operating principles established by the Australia Commission for Safety and Quality in Healthcare.

All program matters are governed by the ANZSCTS Steering Committee. Membership includes clinical representatives, epidemiologists, health policy and quality of care experts.

**PRIVACY**

All information collected is treated as confidential and is protected by privacy legislation. Information disclosure is compliant with the law and only occurs with patient permission.

**REPORTING**

Clinical reports on endorsed Quality Indicators, are provided to participating hospitals biannually.

Data requests for research purposes require approval from the ANZSCTS Database Steering Committee. Once approved, de-identified data will accessible online.