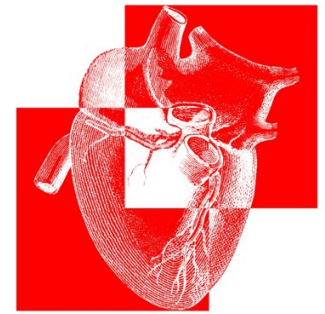


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Australian and New Zealand Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons



## ANZSCTS Database Program Newsletter: Issue # 3, 2016

### Acknowledgements

Welcome back to 2016! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of all the Data Managers. It is fantastic to work with an enthusiastic and expert team of individuals. The successes of the database are largely due to the tireless hours you spend collating, confirming and entering data.

As of 4th January, 2016, 93,181 cases were entered onto the database (Figure 1).

We will aim to release this newsletter every six months, with a different data manager profiled in each issue.

We welcome suggestions regarding newsletter content.

### ANZSCTS Database Build

As you are probably aware, the ANZSCTS Database (Figure 2) has been rebuilt and is currently undergoing extensive testing. It will coincide with the release of the Data Definitions Manual V4. We were hoping to have this released in Quarter 4 2015, but unfortunately there have been a number of unforeseeable delays. We are confident of releasing the system in the first half of 2016. Sites will be provided with training once the system is live. The Database Team will also provide a user guide and a manual outlining changes to the data definitions from version 3 to version 4.

### Data Definitions — Reminders

#### #104—Status

Over 2014 and 2015 there has been vast variation between sites with regard to reported status. We understand that rates will differ between sites for clinical reasons, however we encourage sites to re-familiarise themselves with the definition to ensure consistency in reporting.

#### #176—Aortic Valve Procedure

Please ensure that transcatheter aortic valve replacements (TAVRs) are only entered into the database if they are performed by a cardiac surgeon. Cardiologists don't have a 'surgeon code' so should not have their procedures entered.

### 2016 Data Submission Deadlines\*

2015 Annual Report (data received): 4th March, 2016  
2015 Annual Report (data locked): 1st April, 2016

Quarter 4 2015: 26th February, 2016  
Quarter 1 2016: 27th May, 2016  
Quarter 2 2016: 26th August, 2016  
Quarter 3 2016: 25th November, 2016  
Quarter 4 2016: 24th Feb, 2017

\*please note that these deadlines are fixed and unfortunately no extensions can be provided

### ANZSCTS Annual Scientific Conference

Last year's ANZSCTS Conference was held at Adelaide Oval, November 15<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup>. The ANZSCTS Database Team attended, with Dr Tran presenting on the Database Program. The presentation was received with great enthusiasm and interest and was followed by an increase in the number of individuals accessing the Public Facing Website (<http://anzscts-database.org/>).

There were presentations from local and international speakers and interesting discussions and idea sharing followed.

The conference was enjoyed by those that attended.

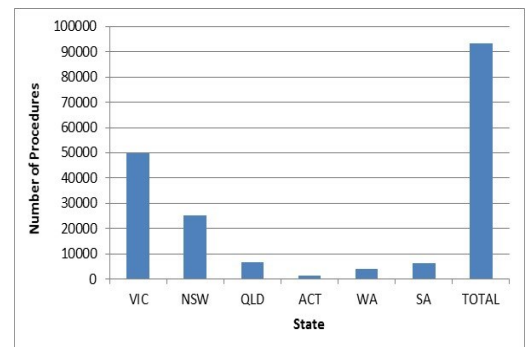


Figure 1: Number of cases entered by state as of January 4th, 2016



Figure 2: Login page for the newly built ANZSCTS Database

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## 2014 Annual Reports

The 2014 Annual Reports have been finalised and mailed to sites. We are more than happy to answer any questions that sites have about these reports so please don't hesitate to contact the ANZSCTS Database Team. Additionally, we welcome suggestions on what aggregate data would help Units and Data Managers going forward.

Surgeons can request individual summary reports via their Data Manager. Additionally, surgeons can contact the Database Team directly if they would like to obtain their identifier for the 2014 reports.

## Applications for Data Manager Representative—Steering Committee

There is a position available for a Data Manager (DM) Representative on the ANZSCTS Database Program Steering Committee (SC). Currently this position is filled by Dr Rochelle Wynne from Royal Melbourne Hospital, however Dr Wynne's tenure is coming to an end.

The responsibilities associated with membership include:

- Attending all SC Meetings (in person or via teleconference)
- Acting as a liaison for all site DMs
- Bringing to the attention of the SC any particular concerns or issues relating to the role of DM from the site end

If you are interested in this role, please send through an expression of interest and your CV to the ANZSCTS Database Team ([anzscts.sphpm@monash.edu](mailto:anzscts.sphpm@monash.edu)) by Friday 5th February, 2016. Please indicate your motivation for applying for this role and the particular skills which would enable you to make a valuable contribution.

The SC will review the candidates and nominate a DM for a two year term.

If you have any questions relating to this position please contact the ANZSCTS Database Team via email or phone.

## Reminders

### Quarterly Data Submission

We would like to remind Data Managers to please advise the ANZSCTS Database Team if you are not going to meet the data submission deadline. Where possible, we will endeavour to provide additional support.

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The FAQs have been updated to coincide with the release of DDM v4. This manual comprises all questions that have been sent to the database team via email over the past three years. Additionally, all FAQs from the current version have been carried over if they are still applicable. This document will be updated when sites send through queries and re-sent to sites. This should ensure more consistency in data coding and save time.

We encourage sites to send through queries as this ultimately improves data quality.

ANZSCTS National Cardiac Surgery Database



Data Definitions Manual  
Version 4  
FAQs

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**Figure 3:** Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Manual, 2016

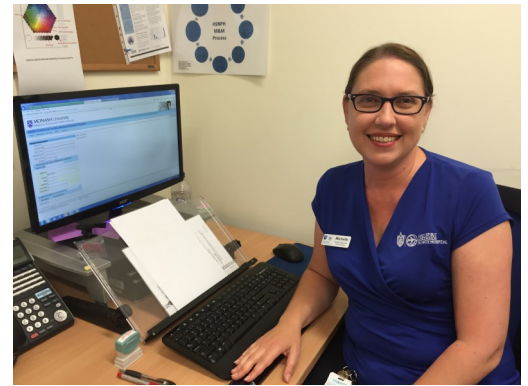
## Final Words

Once again we would like to thank you all for your hard work and continued support of the database. It's been a busy year in which much has been achieved. We look forward to the successes that await us in 2016.

The ANZSCTS Database Team:  
Lavinia Tran, Nicole Marrow and Christina Ayres

## Celebrating Data Managers

This issue we would like to introduce.....



**Name:** Michelle Kyte

**Hospital:** Holy Spirit Northside Private, QLD

**Length of time in role:** Two years

**Background:** I joined HSNPH in 2002 as a RN working in many areas of the hospital. I have worked for the past four years in clinical pre-admission in which I was involved in a pilot for our online pre-admission process.

**Most challenging aspect of data management:** Sourcing data for missed fields, and some lengthy follow up calls.

**Most enjoyable aspect of data management:** Completing the loop from collecting data to producing and presenting reports. The results are meaningful and are received with much interest by our specialist.

**My favourite thing to do on a day off is.....**Spending time with my three daughters and having coffee with friends. I also enjoy Tenpin Bowling and we do spend a lot of time in Bowling Centres for my eldest to compete, including four trips to Sydney for the Australian Junior Nationals.

**Favourite ice-cream flavour:** Rum and raisin

**Favourite TV show:** Big Bang Theory

**Three celebrities I would like to have dinner with:** Any V8 driver—fingers crossed it may include a hot lap around the track. Any of the Big Bang Theory cast.

