

ANZ Hip Fracture Registry

Enhancing Outcomes for Older People

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Welcome to the first edition of the ANZHFR newsletter for 2013 and the first with our new logo and newsletter design.

We are anticipating that 2013 will be a busy year for the group as we continue to promote high quality care for people who sustain a hip fracture and to ensure that this population is seen as a priority area in Australia and New Zealand. Much of what we do at a national level in 2013 will focus on the development of Australian and New Zealand Guidelines as well as progressing the pilot work we have been doing around National Hip Fracture Registries. From the guidelines, we hope to then develop national standards of care for hip fracture management.

Clearly ANZHFR cannot achieve its goals in isolation of the rest of the health care system and many links have been forged with key State and National bodies over the last year. I am sure that 2013 will see us continuing to lobby at all levels to raise the profile of hip fracture care and we hope that all with an interest in this area will continue to do the same.

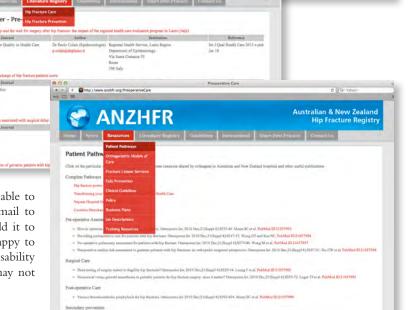
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The first highlight for the year is the launch of our new website. The content of the website will evolve over time and we are keen to ensure that this resource is actually going to be useful to people with an interest in the area. One of the most useful initial features of the site is the "*literature registry*" which contains the latest scientific papers in the fields of hip fracture care and hip fracture prevention.

An important area is the resources section and we are very keen for people to share whatever resources they may have which might be of use to others. Policies, protocols, clinical pathways as well as job descriptions, service models etc are the types of documents we are seeking. Links to other relevant sites are also useful. Anyone

with a resource they are willing and able to share should do so by sending an email to **clinical@anzhfr.org** and we can add it to the resources section. We are also happy to receive constructive comments on usability of the site and ideas for things we may not have covered.





Australian & New Zealand Hip Fracture Registry

The **Australian and New Zealand Hip Fracture Registry** initiative will improve outcomes through: development of national guidelines and quality standards for care of hip fracture sufferers; establishment of National Hip Fracture Registries that will benchmark quality of care delivered by hospitals against professionally-defined standards; and by sharing best practice through this newsletter, the website and at events in both countries.



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Facility Level Audit

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to tralia and New Zealand in 2012. It was no mean feat to get the requested information from the 116 public hospitals operating on hip fracture patients across the 2 countries (see map). The audit was ably co-ordinated by Sandra O'Rourke from Neuroscience Research Australia with help from a WA Advanced Trainee in Geriatric Medicine, Dr Sarah Bernard, and a New Zealand Advanced Trainee in Geriatric Medicine, Dr Rachel Leigh. The map below shows how many public hospitals across Australia and New Zealand are undertaking surgery on patients with a hip fracture.



performing hip # surgery

Sandra O'Rourke

Much information has been obtained from this audit and over the next few months we will analyse all the data and produce a report to share with you all. Hospitals will not be identifiable in this report. Longer term we



hope to have an interactive map on the website which can take you to individual hospitals and see what services are provided based on information obtained from what will be an annual facility level audit. Future audits will take place in October of each year and we will almost certainly move to using survey monkey in 2013. We will also be asking permission to put the information obtained on the website to share with others.

Australian States and Territories					
QLD	13	NSW	37	ACT	1
VIC	24	TAS	3	SA	8
WA	6	NT	2		
New Zealand					
North Island		15	South Island		7

Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Hip Fracture Care

ecember 2012 saw the first meeting of the ANZ Hip Fracture Guideline Adaptation and Working Groups. During 2013, this group will be looking at existing high quality international guideline/s and taking them through a process (ADAPTE) that allows us to produce guidelines and recommendations for hip fracture care that are relevant and specific to an Australian and New Zealand context. Committee membership has come largely from the existing ANZHFR Steering Group with the addition of a number of experts in a range of fields and with many members specifically representing a key professional organisation or society. Those societies and professional bodies currently represented include ANZ Society Geriatric Medicine (Jacqui Close), Australian Orthopaedic Association (Ian Harris), NZ Orthopaedic Association (Jacob Munro), Royal Australian College of Surgeons (Ian Harris), Osteoporosis Australia (Mellick Chehade), Osteoporosis New Zealand (Paul Mitchell), ANZ College of



Anaesthetists (Richard Halliwell), and ANZ Orthopaedic Nursing Association (Anita Taylor). A number of additional professional organisations were identified as being key stakeholders and are currently being invited to participate. It is hoped that the guidelines will be available late 2013.

