



# AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND THYROID CANCER REGISTRY CONTRIBUTING CLINICIAN AGREEMENT

<b>Title:</b>	Australian & New Zealand Thyroid Cancer Registry (ANZTCR)
<b>Ethics Approval Number:</b>	HREC/16/Alfred/61
<b>Principal Investigator:</b>	Professor Jonathan Serpell

## AIM

The overall aim of the Australian & New Zealand Thyroid Cancer Registry (ANZTCR) is to improve quality of care for patients with thyroid cancer. This will be completed through the collection and analysis of data on key clinical quality indicators, to assess hospital performance, identify trends and gaps in service provision, so that clinical improvements can be made, where necessary. Hospital-led practice changes can improve patient outcomes, this is an important initiative, as incidence of thyroid cancer is rapidly increasing Australia, and is now the seventh commonest cancer in females.

## BACKGROUND

The ANZTCR is a clinical quality registry established by the Australian and New Zealand Endocrine Surgeons (ANZES) in collaboration with the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Monash University. The registry is funded by ANZES, Alfred Foundation and some industry partners. Additional sponsors may support the project in the future.

The ANZTCR has obtained nation-wide ethics approval from Alfred Health HREC. The registry is overseen by a Steering Committee consisting of clinicians with thyroid cancer expertise, epidemiologists and experienced registry staff. A clinical quality registry collects health information on groups of patients to monitor the quality of care provided. Information is collected for patients diagnosed with thyroid cancer at participating health service sites in Australia and New Zealand. The information is stored in the Registry which is located on a secure Monash University server. The ANZTCR commenced data collection in 2017.

## WHAT DOES PARTICIPATION INVOLVE?

To be a participating clinician you will be required to:

- Notify the ANZTCR coordinating centre of all newly diagnosed thyroid cancer patients by entering minimal patient details into the registry, in addition to confirming thyroid cancer diagnosis and patient disclosure.
- Enter complete patient data into the registry at 90 days post-surgery, including recurrence, if relevant.

## BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

The significant and outstanding effort made and the support given to ANZTCR by many surgeons and their staff is worthy of distinction. The ANZTCR annually acknowledges surgeons who participate in the registry in a number of ways:

- The ANZTCR REDCap database allows surgeons to run patient-level and aggregate data reports in real-time.
- The ANZTCR is recognised by the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS) as a Continuing Medical Education (CME) audit activity that aims to improve the quality of patient care.



- Surgeons will also be provided with a copy of the logo to use at their discretion, i.e. on their email signature, important documents and letter heads, and website.

Once the data is sufficiently mature the ANZTCR will produce:

- Annual reports to be made available to the steering committee, funders and participating sites/clinicians, as well as publically on the ANZTCR website
- Benchmarked reports of clinical quality indicators will be available for participating sites
- Data access for research and non-research purposes (clinicians can access their own data through the registry). For more information please see the ANZTCR Data Access Policy.

## WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

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1. Attached to this letter is a copy of the Patient Information Booklet. Please read this to gain an understanding of the recruitment strategy adopted by the ANZTCR.
2. We ask that you sign this form to indicate that you would like to enter your patient data into the registry. The relevant Human Research Ethics Committee has approved data being collected by the registry at your site. Please scan the signed copy and send it to [sphpm.anztcrcr@monash.edu](mailto:sphpm.anztcrcr@monash.edu).
3. Once we have received your signed participation form we will provide you with a data collection and operation manual to assist with data collection and entry.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND WHO TO CONTACT

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If you want any further information concerning this project or have any questions, please contact:

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## CLINICIANS SIGNATURE

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I agree to participate in the ANZTCR and to enter all relevant medical data from all eligible patients diagnosed or treated by myself at the contributing hospital, providing the patient has not requested to opt-out of the registry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_