Welcome to NTASM quick bits
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Brief updates for you and your colleagues.

Clinical Governance Reports

December 2014, NTASM published clinical governance reports for all public hospitals and one private hospital. These reports will be published each year and will cover 13 clinical indicators.

Publications

During 2014, NTASM and QASM data was accessed and analysed by two surgeons: Dr John Treacy (NT) and Dr Peter Wysocki (Qld). This resulted in the following publications.

Outcomes from the Northern Territory Audit of Surgical Mortality: Aboriginal deaths
View

Mortality from acute appendicitis is associated with complex disease and co-morbidity
View

Mortality Audit of Octogenarians With Acute Cholecystitis
View

QASM (and NTASM) seminar

November 2014, the annual QASM seminar (Situational Awareness and the Surgeon) was successfully held in Brisbane. The video, Just a Routine Operation, sparked much discussion and supported small group discussions throughout the day. After the seminar, one surgeon wrote: “this video, seen with appropriate supervision and discussion should be mandatory for all members of RACS for CPD completion”. View on Youtube

SAVE THE DATE (next seminar)

Date: Friday 13 November 2015
Venue: Brisbane (venue to be advised)
Theme: SURGERY AND THE OBESE PATIENT

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