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**Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand**

**Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit**

**Patient Information Sheet**

**Introduction**

You are about to have surgery to treat colorectal neoplasia ("new growth" in Greek), including bowel tumours and cancers. In order to monitor and improve the success of this type of surgery, we need to

know what factors increase a patient’s risk of complications, and which surgical procedures have the

most successful outcomes. To achieve this, the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSSANZ) have set up a Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit.

The audit aims to record information on every adult having surgery for colorectal neoplasia at all participating hospitals in Australia and New Zealand. The success of the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit depends on the amount of data we collect. We are asking you to participate in the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit by allowing us to document information relevant to your operation.

**What Information Do We Need?**

The information we require includes your name, date of birth, hospital identification number, Medicare number, information about your health and information directly related to your operation, associated treatments and follow-up.

**We Will Keep Your Information Confidential**

Your personal information is confidential, protected by law and cannot be used outside the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit. Procedures are in place to protect your information which is only accessible by authorised staff of the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit who will routinely link with external sources such as state-based Cancer registries to collect mortality information.

**How We Collect the Information**

You are not required to do anything except answer some questions before your operation and during any follow-ups. Your treating clinicians will arrange to have the information gathered and entered onto a computerised database which will store the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit.

**Benefits and Risks to You**

The data we collect will be used for quality control and clinical audit and may be included for future related research which will require review by a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) before being released to researchers. Your archival pathological specimens linked to the database may also be used for future research following a review by a HREC committee. This will ensure that current treatment recommendations are being followed and will allow improvement of treatments for bowel cancer in the future. Participation in this audit is voluntary. Your choice to participate in the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit will not affect your treatment in any way. You will receive the same standard of care.

**You Can Choose Not To Be In the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit**

We understand that not everyone is comfortable with having details related to their condition recorded in a Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit. If you feel this way and do not want your information included, please contact the Database Manager, Karen Oliva on 9508 3544.

The ethical aspects of the audit have been approved by the HRECs of Cabrini and Alfred Health.

If you have any complaints, concerns or issues about the registry, please contact either

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