



**June 2018**

**Issue #17**

### Events and Meetings

#### Steering Committee (SC)

Registry Governance & Strategy

**24th July**

#### Data Access, Research & Publications Committee (DRP)

**21st August**

#### Clinical Quality Committee (CQC)

**4th September**

Review Q2 2018

#### PCI Data Submission Deadlines

**27 August** (Q2 2018 data)

**23 November** (Q3 2018 data)

#### CSANZ & ANZET 2018

Brisbane

**2nd—5th August**

## Project News & Progress Updates

Welcome to the latest VCOR update. The first half of 2018 has been busy for the VCOR team. In April we welcomed Kristen Tytler to the team as our new Project Officer, and two additional sites began collecting data for the PCI module - St Vincent's Private Werribee & St John of God Berwick.

The 2017 VCOR Annual Report is in its final stages of drafting before being sent to the printer. Data from the report was presented to the VCOR Steering Committee in June, with the final report expected to be published in August.

The report contains data from all 30 PCI sites, 10 Regional STEMI Sites and 16 Heart Failure Snapshot sites. For the first time we will be presenting data on 12 month mortality through data linkages with the National Death Index (NDI). We extend our thanks to everyone involved in the data collection, which has allowed us to produce a comprehensive report with 100% of cases complete.

In May Dr Dion Stub and Mrs Janine Doyle visited Central Gippsland Health Service in Sale as part of our ongoing regional STEMI road trips. Local data was presented to a variety of hospital and Ambulance Victoria staff. These road trips are a valuable tool which assist with knowledge sharing and educating staff around the management of STEMI patients in rural Victoria. If your site is interested in having the VCOR team visit,

we encourage you to get in contact with us.

Planning for the inaugural Registries Colloquium is progressing. This event will be held on the 13th of September from 10am - 2pm in the AMREP lecture theatre. The Colloquium will be an opportunity to share and exchange views and experiences on the current status, and future directions of clinical quality registries in cardiology. A key focus of the Colloquium will be the impact of clinical quality registries on performance of health services and outcomes of patients across Australia. Invitations will be sent out in late July.

In August ANZET & CSANZ are being held in Brisbane. VCOR will be well represented at both events with a number of Oral and Poster Presentations accepted, in which VCOR data features. Highlights include: Dr Julia Stehli presenting at ANZET on the influence of gender on timing of PCI and 30-day mortality and Ms Angela Brennan presenting at CSANZ on the VCOR risk adjustment model.

VCOR also has poster presentations at the European Society of Cardiology meeting in August this year.

**48,100+**

PCI cases

**730+**

Regional STEMI presentations!

**105+**

CIED cases

### Data Submission Deadline

PCI Q2 2018 cases — Please ensure all baseline and follow-up data is complete\* by the 27th of August.

CIED - 1st Jan - 30th August cases - Please ensure all baseline and follow-up data is complete\* by the 12th of October.

\*Baseline & 30 day follow up data submitted



# VICTORIAN CARDIAC OUTCOMES REGISTRY

## Focus on Privacy—GDPR & Victorian Privacy Legislation

In May 2018 the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR) came into effect. Being a registry that collects patient data VCOR and Monash University are committed to ensuring that we are compliant with all relevant privacy legislations. The GDPR relates to the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of people within the EU, and the processing and movement of personal data of these people. Monash University recognises GDPR as the new global standard in privacy legislation, with similar legislation expected to be adopted by the Australian government within the coming decade. VCOR is minimally impacted by the GDPR as our cohort is primarily based in Australia, however there is the possibility that data may be collected on a patient (e.g. follow up occurred) whilst in the EU. In these circumstances the GDPR rules apply. Monash legal is currently formulating policies to ensure that all areas of Monash University are compliant.

In light of this new international standard we are taking the opportunity to remind all VCOR users of their responsibility under the current National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) and the Privacy Act (1988). Before any user account is created, users need to declare that they have read and understood the National Statement, as well as other relevant sections of Victorian privacy legislation. For staff that need to refresh their knowledge, the relevant documents / sections can be accessed via the following links:

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/e72>

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/legislation/health-records-act>

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/e43>

VCOR currently has policies in place in relation to Data Access, Data Security, Publications, Reporting and Privacy. These can all be downloaded from our website: <https://vcor.org.au/Policy-documents>.

If you have any questions in relation VCOR and privacy please let us know. VCOR will advise if there are any changes that impact on sites as the information becomes available.

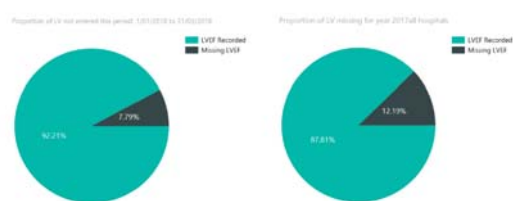
If you have questions regarding the GDPR and how it may impact your local institution (outside of VCOR), please refer these to your legal department.

**The sharing of VCOR log in information is in breach of VCOR policies, and if discovered may result in an a breach notification submitted to your HREC committee. Please ensure that this is not occurring at your site. If new staff require access to VCOR, please email us and we will advise as to the process for obtaining a new log in.**

### NEW PCI Data Query Process

VCOR have implemented a new data query process for missing LVEF & Creatinine data. Previously, queries were sent out on a 6 monthly basis. To reduce the number of queries sent at any one time and to allow for more accurate quarterly reporting, these two queries will now be sent to sites on a quarterly basis. Sites will receive a report advising them of the percentage of missing data, and how they compare to the average of all 2017 cases. A list of cases that need review will also be provided. LVEF and eGFR

Missing LV-EF  
Test Hospital



are used in the VCOR risk adjustment model, and as a result are key data elements that must be entered if a test was done (in line with the VCOR definitions). Additional data queries will continue to be sent on a 6 monthly basis.

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