



## VCOR Newsletter Issue # 1

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### News and Events

#### Web system going live

In its last stages of testing and development, the VCOR online system is almost ready to go live.

#### Site Training

Selected sites will commence training later this month, with data collection at these sites beginning prior to Christmas.

#### Clinical Liaison

VCOR appoints Dr Jeffrey Lefkovits as the VCOR clinical liaison.

#### VCOR Launch

February 2013 (date TBC)

## The Victorian Cardiac Outcomes Registry is here!

It has been a big year for the Victorian Cardiac Outcomes Registry (VCOR).

Overwhelming support from cardiologists and senior hospital management at the start-up meeting and information session, held in November 2011, formed the foundation for the establishment of the VCOR Steering Committee. Since then, the Victorian Cardiac Clinical Network, together with Monash University have accomplished a number of significant achievements to advance the project.

As one of the largest and most diverse clinical craft groups in Australia, critical

steps have been made in ensuring key stakeholders have been involved in the development of the registry.

With the data elements and definitions for the percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) module finalised, we have moved into the development phase of the web-based data entry system for PCI.

The overarching VCOR system includes the concept of a 'patient-centric' system with Individual Health Care Identifier (IHI) compliance and web reporting. Future phases will include the implementation of Secure File Transfer Protocol [SFTP]

capability which will facilitate electronic transfer of data. New modules (such as the Lysis pilot and Cardiac Electronic Implantable Devices module) will be developed from 2013 onwards.

The online system is in its final stages of internal testing and selected sites have undertaken external testing in November. Site-based training will follow in December.

It is anticipated that the system will be rolled out in a staged fashion to sites, for data collection commencing in December 2012.

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### VCOR Clinical Liaison

Interviews for the VCOR Clinical Liaison were held in mid November and VCOR is happy to announce that Dr Jeffrey Lefkovits has been appointed to the position.

Dr Lefkovits will provide clinical leadership to the VCOR registry and play a key role in promoting the

activities of the registry. His involvement in VCOR will aid in developing a high national profile for the registry whilst also promoting the conduct of the registry at a local site level.

VCOR is very pleased to have Dr Lefkovits working with the VCOR team in this role.



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## Coming Soon

VCOR public facing Website currently under development for release early in 2013  
[www.vcor.org.au](http://www.vcor.org.au)

## Contact VCOR

Are you interested in participating in VCOR or finding out more information about the registry?

Feel free to contact us with any questions, queries or concerns.

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## Hospital Engagement

Of the 29 PCI hospitals in Victoria, VCOR has successfully engaged 18 public and private hospitals who have committed to data collection. All 12 public PCI hospitals have recognised the value of VCOR and agreed to participate.

Full ethics approval has been obtained at 11 of these 18 sites and six more sites are

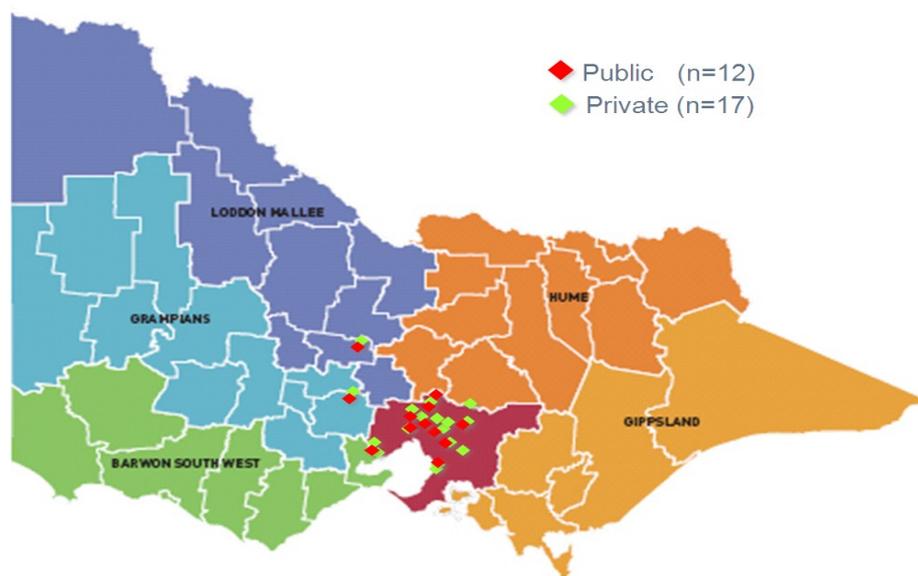
conditionally approved to go ahead pending signature of the Registry Research Agreement.

Data collection will begin at five sites in December 2012.

The project will be rolled out to remaining engaged sites for data collection throughout 2013.

If sites require assistance obtaining support to take part or provide adequate resources for VCOR data collection, they are encouraged to contact the VCOR Project Team directly.

The PCI module roll-out will occur concurrently with engagement of sites for both the Lysis pilot and CIED modules.



## Upcoming Events in 2013

- ◆ The official VCOR launch is scheduled for early in 2013—stay tuned for dates
- ◆ VCOR Team will organise networking opportunities for VCOR stakeholders in 2013
- ◆ VCOR training & feedback sessions will be scheduled regularly for participating PCI sites
- ◆ Nominations for VCOR Clinical Quality Committee are now open and will close in early 2013