

# Advancement in the Surgical Safety Frontier

Wednesday, 19 February 2020, 11:30 am to 5:00 pm

Category of Respondents	Surgeon	Quality & Safety Manager	Nurse	Dept Health Gov Representative	Project Manager
	22%	25%	17%	8%	8%
	Research Health Professional	CEO	Project Officer	Others*	
3%	3%	3%	11%		

\*Others' category included: Quality & Safety officers, Clinical Risk officers, and a GP.

Feedback was provided by 36 respondents (34%) out of 106 health professionals who attended.

Note: Scale: 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neutral, 4 = agree and 5 = strongly agree.

1.	The Program	Avg	Responses	% Responses
1.1	The program was relevant to my role.	4.3	35	97%
1.2	The program outcomes were explained.	4.0	34	94%
1.3	The pace was adequate to meet my needs.	4.1	35	97%
1.4	The seminar material was useful during the program.	4.2	35	97%
2.	The Environment	Avg	Responses	% Responses
2.1	Upon arrival I was made to feel welcome.	4.5	36	100%
2.2	The setup of the room and venue was suitable.	4.3	35	97%
2.3	The facilities were clean and well presented.	4.2	36	100%
3.	The Facilitator	Avg	Responses	% Responses
3.1	The facilitator's presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	4.2	34	94%
3.2	The facilitator encouraged participation and discussions.	4.3	35	97%
4.	The Seminar	Avg	Responses	% Responses
4.1	The 'Value of investing in the health care sector' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	4.0	36	100%
4.2	The 'What would it take to improve further surgical care' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	4.4	36	100%
4.3	The 'Better and safer surgical care' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	4.2	36	100%
4.4	The 'Channeling data for better patient care' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	4.2	36	100%
4.5	The 'Benefits of multidisciplinary review' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	4.3	36	100%
4.6	The 'Legal health checks for mortality audits' — <b>Did not proceed</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
4.7	The 'Coroner's perspective on poor surgical outcomes' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	4.1	35	97%
4.8	The 'Changing how we think about surgical reviews' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	4.3	32	89%
4.9	The 'Poor surgical outcomes and disciplinary proceedings' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	4.0	33	92%
4.10	The 'Qualified privilege and balancing patient safety' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	3.7	32	89%
4.11	The 'Fundamentals in patient safety' presentation was well paced and suited to the group.	3.9	23	64%
4.12	Panel Discussion — <b>Did not proceed</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
5.	Program Results	Avg	Responses	% Responses
5.1	I have gained valuable knowledge and skills from this program.	4.1	35	97%
5.2	I can apply the skills and knowledge from this program in my role.	4.0	35	97%

Themes / Category	Comments
<p><b>Program - Pacing</b></p> <p>How delegates perceived the time-management of the program.</p>	<p><b>Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Packed full but a most enjoyable seminar/workshop.”</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Improvements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Preference would have been an earlier start and earlier finish.”</i></li> <li>• <i>“Audience can sometimes be asked to liaise with speakers outside instead of holding up the others.”</i></li> <li>• <i>“Speakers went over— due in part to questions, which could have been kept at the end during the panel or during the networking sessions. This causes unnecessary delays.”</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Program – Content</b></p> <p>What delegates thought of the quality of the speakers, and the content of presentations.</p>	<p><b>Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Prof Stephen Duckett was amazing! He added value through talking about what each of us can do in real life e.g. find out what others are doing well and learn.”</i></li> <li>• <i>“Overall, interesting and informative seminar.”</i></li> <li>• <i>“Great forum, some really valuable info.”</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Improvements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Perhaps some more practical examples and clinical discussion/case studies would be of use during a day like this.”</i></li> <li>• <i>“I found much of the legal stuff towards the end very dry, but I can see how surgeons/clinicians might find it relevant.”</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Environment</b></p> <p>What delegates thought of the venue set-up: the room and amenities.</p>	<p><b>Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Think the satellite screens are great! Lunch lovely. Good coverage of different diets.”</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Improvements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Catering can have two-way queues to avoid one long line.”</i></li> <li>• <i>“Softer cushioned chairs would be appreciated especially for such long sessions.”</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Staff performance</b></p> <p>Delegates’ opinions on VASM staff performance.</p>	<p><b>Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Thank you RACS for your leadership in hosting this workshop — fantastic and well worth interstate travel to attend.”</i></li> <li>• <i>“A/Prof McCahy did a great job chairing the session and dealing with recalcitrant audience members.”</i></li> <li>• <i>“Staff were friendly and helpful... Great job VASM team!”</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Improvements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Some participants’ questions belaboured their personal issues — not relevant. Organisers need to shut these people down.”</i></li> </ul>