

<b>Portfolio:</b>	<b>Fellowship Engagement</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>TOR-3085</b>
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## 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy defines the structure and scope of the Australian and New Zealand Audit of Surgical Mortality (ANZASM) Committee. As a Fellowship-based organisation, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is committed to ensuring the highest standard of safe and comprehensive surgical care for the community we serve through excellence in surgical education, training, professional development and support.

## 2. KEYWORDS

Australian, New Zealand, Audit, Surgical Mortality, ANZASM.

## 3. BODY OF POLICY

Beginning as a pilot program at the University of Western Australia in 2001, in 2004 the program was endorsed by RACS Council to be rolled out nationally under the guidance of the ANZASM Steering Committee. The role of the ANZASM Steering Committee was to guide the regional Audits of Surgical Mortality through provision of appropriate governance and to foster a nationally standardized, consistent approach. With an Audit of Surgical Mortality established in each Australian state and territory the ANZASM Steering Committee transitioned to an operational body referred to as the 'ANZASM Committee'. The ANZASM Committee will continue to coordinate the activities of the regional Audits of Surgical Mortality.

### 3.1 ANZASM Committee

- Will oversee all regional Audits of Surgical Mortality
- Will establish national guidelines and procedures to ensure consistency and standardization across the regional Audits of Surgical Mortality
- Will provide managerial oversight on behalf of RACS over the regional Audits of Surgical Mortality Management Committees
- Will coordinate state and commonwealth Quality Assurance Activity (QAA) protection provisions
- Will be responsible for authorization of the release of deidentified data when requested (these responsibilities maybe delegated to the Chair)
- Will be responsible for the endorsement of all publications or reports generated by the regional Audits of Surgical Mortality or by ANZASM
- Will report to the Research Audit and Academic Surgery Committee
- Will review rolling two-year attendance figures provided at each meeting.

### 3.2 Membership

As an operational committee, membership of the ANZASM Committee shall be limited to:

- Surgical Director, Research & Evaluation, who shall also act as Chair
- The Clinical Director and/or Chair for each regional Audit of Surgical Mortality
- Other Clinical Colleges involved in the Audit of Surgical Mortality (e.g. ANZCA, RANZCOG).

The following may be in attendance:

- Executive Director Surgical Affairs, Australia
- General Manager, Research, Audit & Academic Surgery
- Manager, Surgical Audits
- Project Leads/Managers for the regional Audits of Surgical Mortality

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### 3.3 Meetings

The ANZASM Committee will meet as needed. A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the membership being present. There is no provision for proxies should members be unable to attend the meeting unless the person is formally acting in the member's position.

### 3.4 Reporting Structure

The ANZASM Committee will report to the Research Audit and Academic Surgery Committee and is accountable to the Professional Standards and Fellowship Services Committee for the fulfillment of duties and responsibilities outlined in the Terms of Reference and for any other matters that may be delegated to it.

## 4. PUBLICATIONS

All publications arising from ANZASM activities will be submitted to the ANZASM Committee, the Research Audit and Academic Surgery Committee, and the Professional Standards and Fellowship Services Committee for noting.

## 5. PROCEDURES

### 5.1 Access

RACS staff (including Fellows and Trainees) have access to this policy.

### 5.2 Communication

The ANZASM Committee members will be notified of any changes to this policy via mail or email.

## 6. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

TOR-3172 Research, Audit and Academic Surgery Committee Terms of Reference  
 TOR-3087 ACT Audit of Surgical Mortality (ACTASM) Management Committee Terms of Reference  
 TOR-3101 Northern Territory Audit of Surgical Mortality (NTASM) Management Committee  
 TOR-3100 Queensland Audit of Surgical Mortality (QASM) Steering Committee  
 TOR-3086 South Australian Audit of Surgical Mortality (SAASM) Management Committee  
 TOR-3088 Tasmanian Audit of Surgical Mortality (TASM) Management Committee  
 TOR-3098 Victorian Audit of Surgical Mortality (VASM) Management Committee  
 TOR-3099 Western Australia Audit of Surgical Mortality (WAASM) Management Committee  
 REA-AUD-048 ANZASM Data Request Submission Form  
 External – Collaborating Hospitals' Audit of Surgical Mortality Terms of Reference

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