



2021 REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# The Western Australian Audit of Surgical Mortality (WAASM)



# Executive Summary

## Background

The Western Australian Audit of Surgical Mortality (WAASM) is an independent, peer reviewed audit of the process of care associated with surgery related deaths in Western Australia (WA). The WAASM was established in 2001. It is funded by the WA Department of Health and has protection under federal legislation.

## Reporting Period

This report covers cases reported to WAASM from **1 January 2016 to 31 December 2020**. Please note that for the data analysed, the denominator may sometimes change in this report. This is mainly due to incomplete information provided in the surgical case and assessment forms, which results in missing data.





