

WELCOME TO THE AUSTRALIAN SPINE REGISTRY NEWSLETTER

The Australian Spine Registry (ASR) aims to capture information about all spine surgery, in particular the quality of care outcomes in patients. This initiative is supported by the Spine Society of Australia in partnership with Monash University.

ASR'S FIRST BIRTHDAY! 🎂

January 2019 marks the first year of the ASR! Patients recruited in January 2018 will be receiving their 12 month follow up questionnaires! The registry sincerely thanks all patients, surgeons and practice staff for their continuing support and efforts.

REGISTRY GOVERNANCE

The ASR Steering Committee, which comprises of 3 orthopaedic and 2 neurosurgeons, 3 academics and 1 Private Health Insurance sector representative, is responsible for the governance of the registry. In 2018, the Steering Committee met quarterly and provided valuable advice and strategic direction to the ASR. The registry will be seeking a patient advocate to join the steering committee in 2019.

RECRUITMENT & PATIENT FOLLOW UP

Enrolment of patients into the registry began in mid January 2018. As at the end of November, the registry had recruited 427 patients and 136 who had completed their 6 month follow up questionnaires.

REMEMBER

The ASR is an **OPT-OUT** registry. Patients can opt-out at any time by:

- informing their surgeon or
- contacting the registry on **1800 998 722**.



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & FUTURE EVENTS

The registry will be attending the following conferences in 2019:

- April 2019—Spine Society of Australia 30th Annual Scientific Meeting, Gold Coast Convention Centre, QLD
- May 2019—RACS 88th Annual Scientific Congress Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre Bangkok, Thailand

NEW STAFF

The ASR would like to welcome Ms Elysia Greenhill who has joined the ASR as a Research Assistant. Elysia holds a Bachelor of Health Science from Monash University. Prior to joining the ASR, she worked as a Research Assistant in the Cancer Research Program, helping to establish the Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer Registry, and as a Research Administration Officer for the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry. Elysia is experienced in the preparation, submission and management of research ethics and governance, site implementation and data collection for clinical quality registries.

ASR DATA SNAP SHOT AS OF 28 NOVEMBER 2018

ASR AT A GLANCE



427 PATIENTS

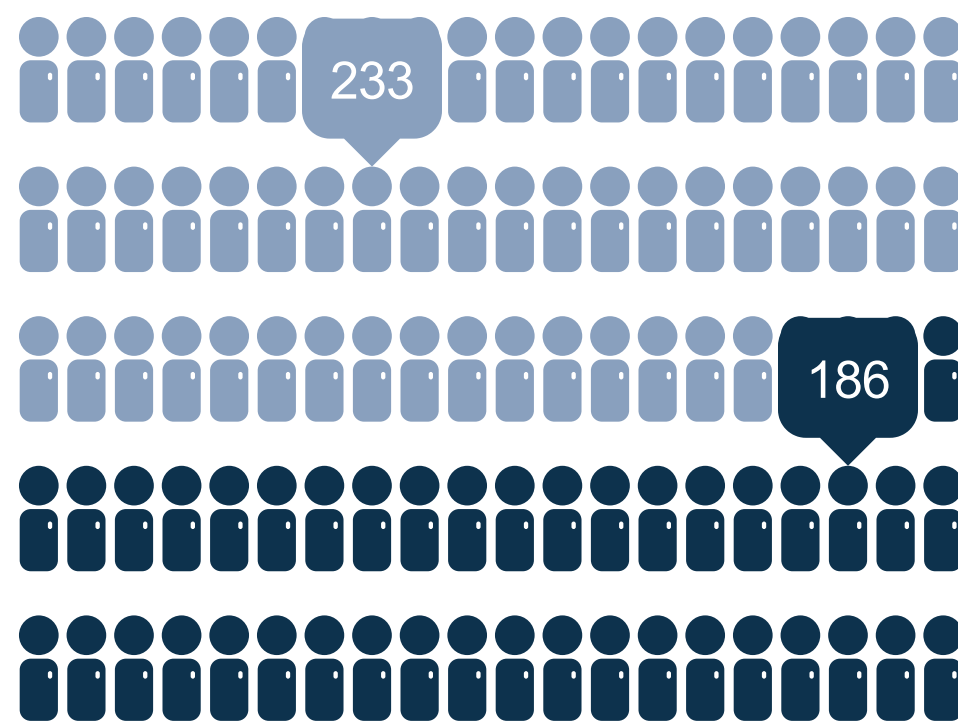


12 SURGEONS



14 SITES

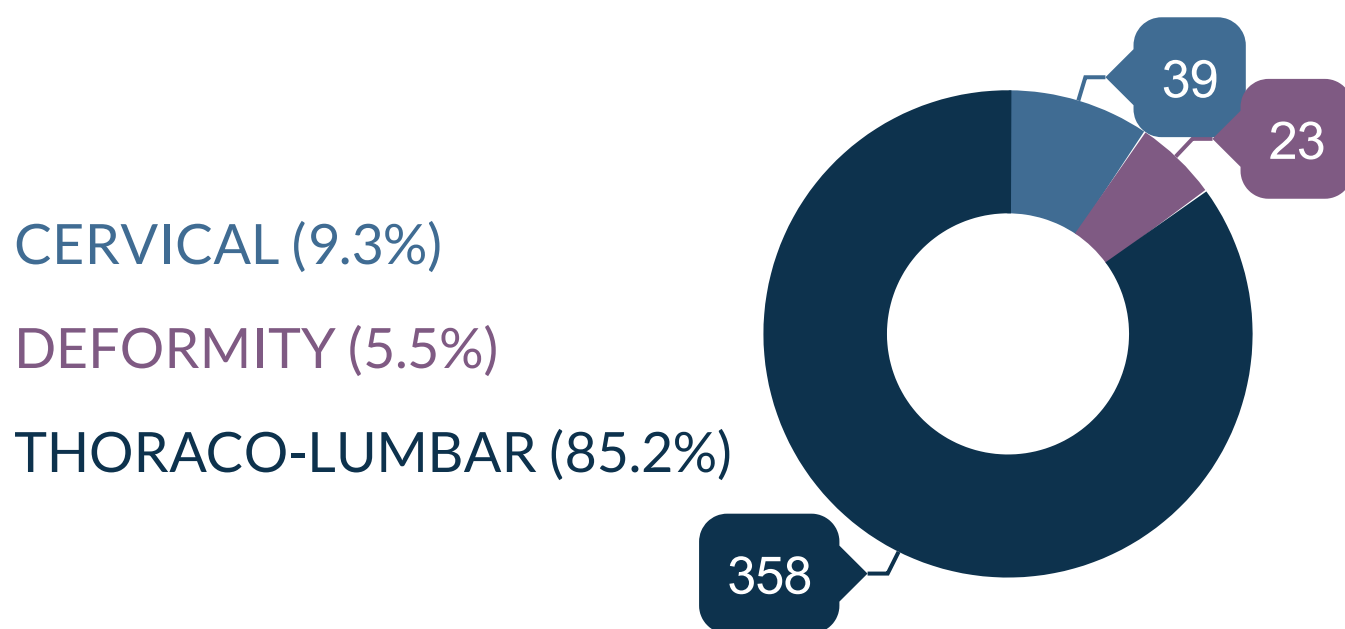
PARTICIPANTS BY SEX



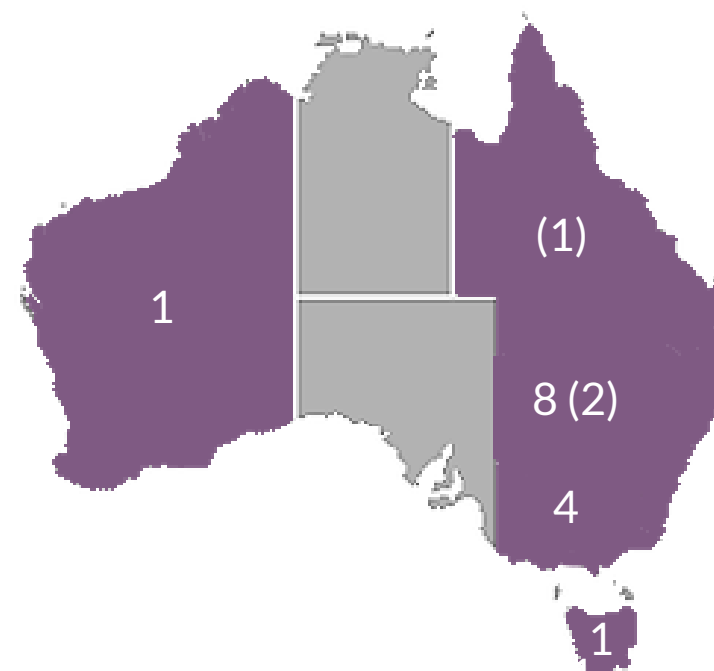
55.6%
MALE

44.4%
FEMALE

PARTICIPANTS BY SURGERY TYPE



PARTICIPATING SITES



3
SITE APPLICATIONS
IN PROGRESS

5
STATES
PARTICIPATING

MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like more information about the registry please visit our website: www.spineregistry.org.au or call the registry on **1800 998 722**.

The ASR would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday and a safe and Happy New Year!

We look forward to a busy and rewarding year in 2019.



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