

## 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 ANNUAL REPORT!

In April, the ASR's First Annual Report was published. A great achievement after commencing data collection at the beginning of 2018. This registry is the first known attempt by a medical speciality in Australia to collect patient outcome data on the spectrum of diagnoses and surgical treatment in relation to their area of practice. The registry sincerely thanks all patients, surgeons and practice staff for their continuing support and efforts. To access the ASR 2018 Annual Report, please visit the website, [spineregistry.org.au](http://spineregistry.org.au).



### RECRUITMENT & PATIENT FOLLOW UP

The registry began 12 month patient follow up in January 2019. The registry had recruited 700 patients, 307 (84.6%) patients who have completed their 6 month follow up questionnaires, and 121 (97.6%) patients who have completed their 12 month follow up questionnaires.

### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

#### SSA 30th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), Gold Coast, April 2019

Prior to the SSA ASM, an ASR Stakeholders Meeting was held with funders to provide an overview of operations, recruitment statistics and registry hurdles. Attendees of the meeting were very positive about registry progress and acknowledged that a big hurdle was ongoing sustainable funding. During the SSA ASM, the ASR was displayed in the exhibitor's area, providing an opportunity to meet with relevant industry groups.

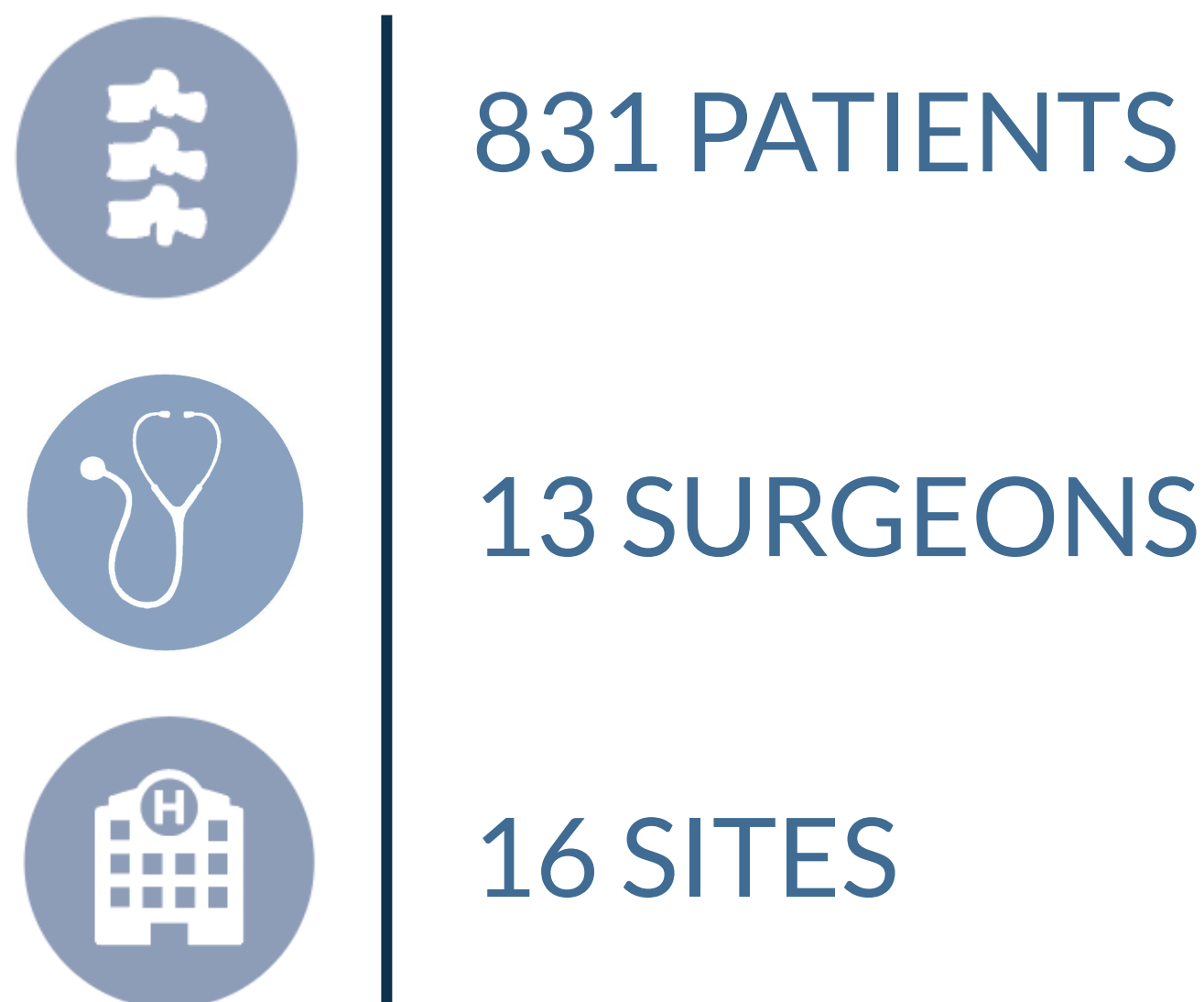


#### RACS 88th Annual Scientific Congress, Bangkok, May 2019

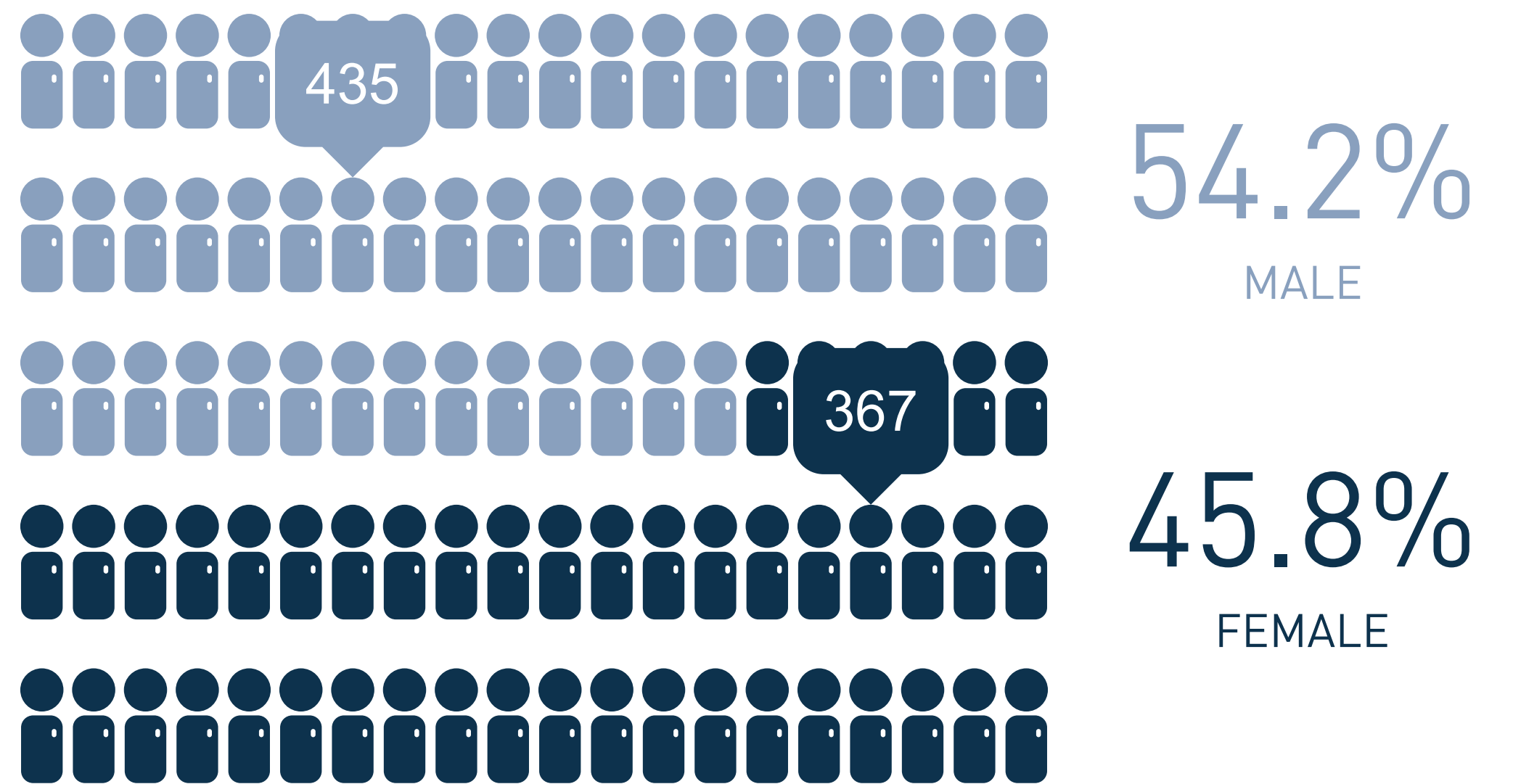
Michael Johnson presented the ASR's trials and tribulations to date as part of a session specific to registries. Prof Hamilton Hall (Canadian Spine Society) presented a paper on lessons learned from the Canadian Spine Registry. Similar to the ASR, the Canadian registry has significant administrative burden and difficulties in obtaining long term sustainable funding. Other difficulties included surgeon and patient data compliance and staff engagement. The ASR looks forward to continuing these valuable discussions at the CANZ Combined Spine Society Meeting in Queenstown (4-7 Sept '19).

## ASR DATA SNAPSHOT AS OF 24 JUNE 2019

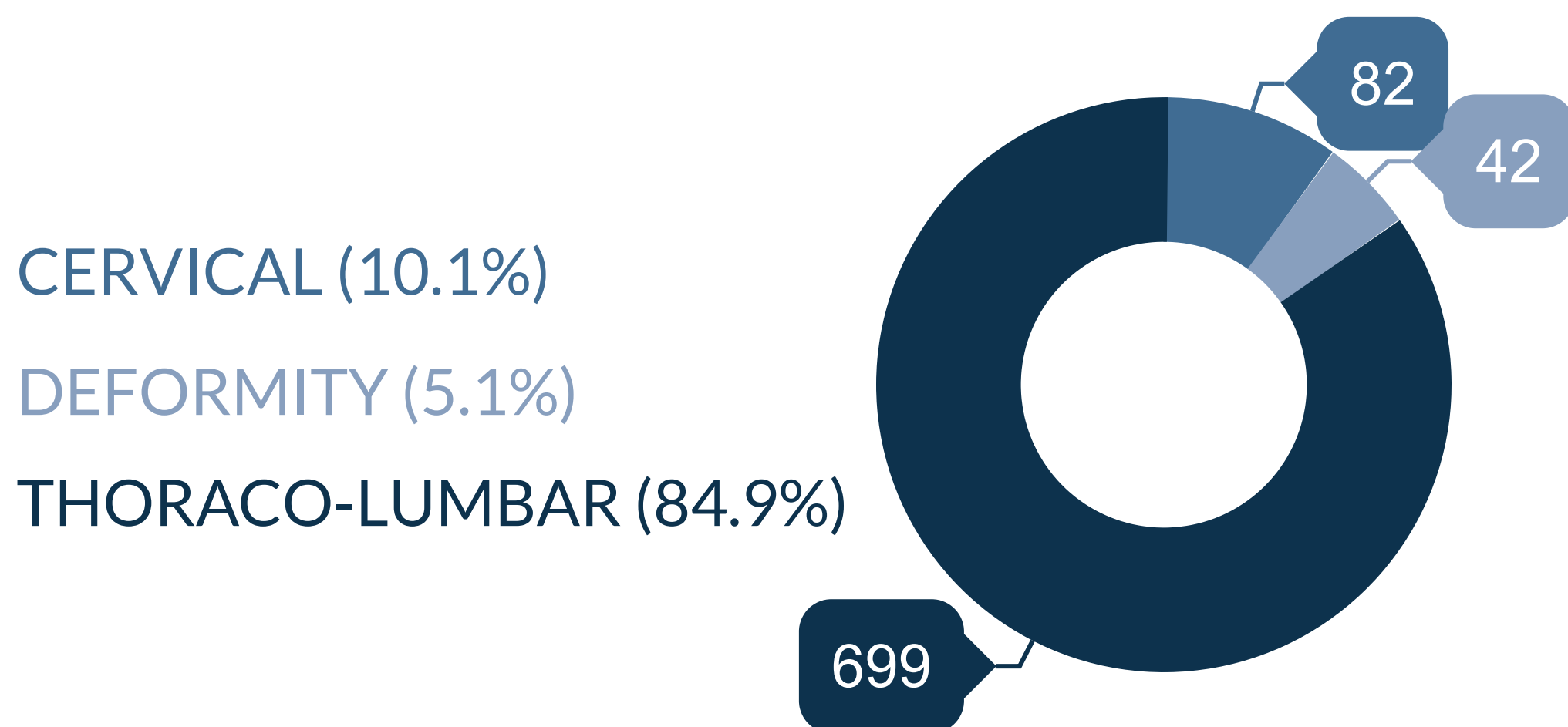
### ASR AT A GLANCE



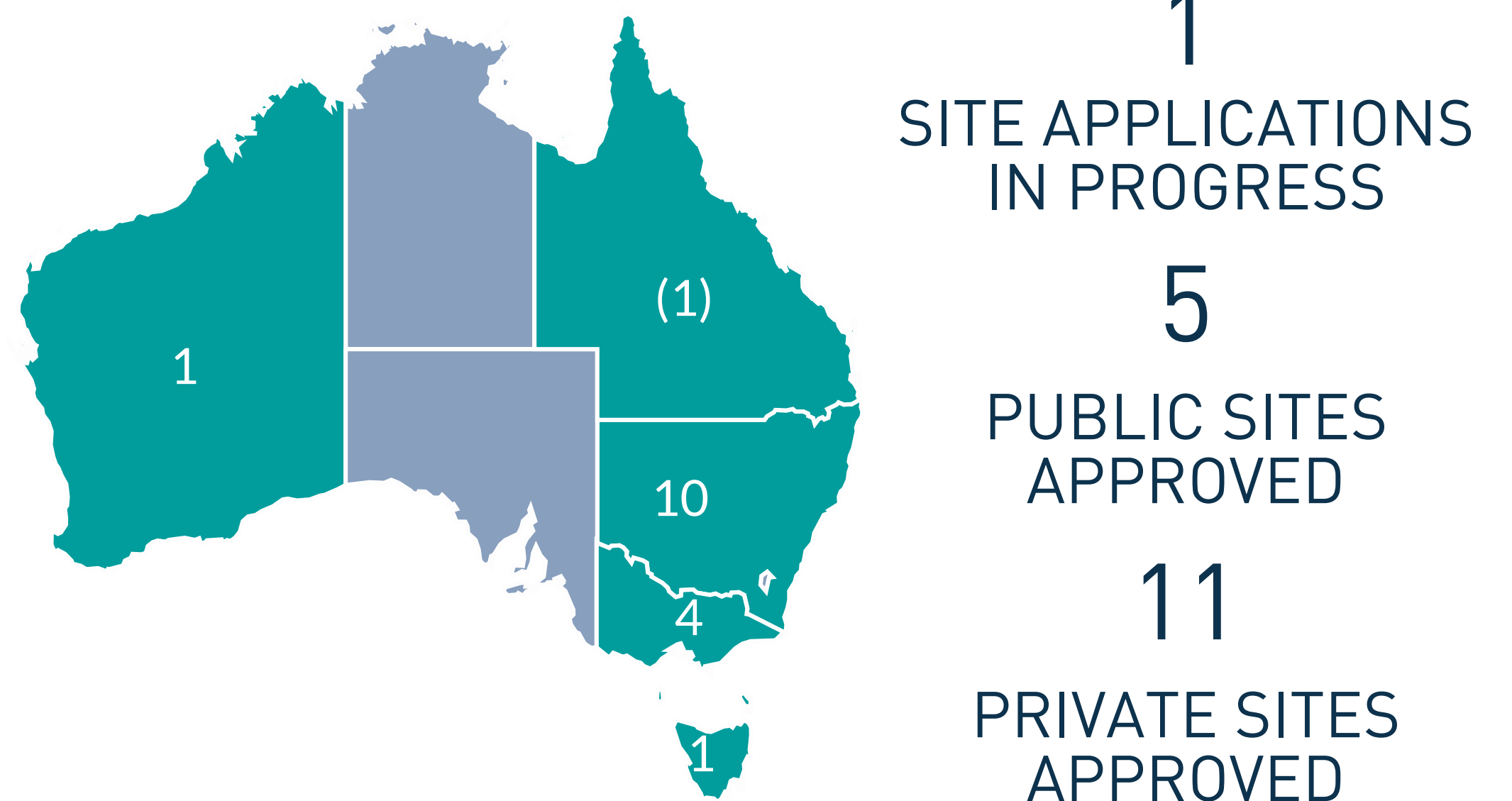
### PARTICIPANTS BY SEX



### PARTICIPANTS BY SURGERY TYPE



### PARTICIPATING SITES



### MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like more information about the registry please visit our website: [spineregistry.org.au](http://spineregistry.org.au) or call the registry on 1800 998 722.



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.

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