



Quality improvement.
One tube at a time



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Australia and New Zealand Airway Registry: An Update

Dear Colleagues,

It's been a few months since our last update.

Thank you all for your ongoing contributions to the Registry - we now have over 1,562 intubations recorded from 37 participating sites.

We are pleased to announce that our project won an NSW Health Innovation Award at the NSW Health Awards last Friday for [translational research](#). Our poster is available [here](#).

Whilst I was lucky enough to be on stage, I realise that a lot of effort has been put in by everyone involved, and I am truly grateful to you all. The most important aspect of this project is not, however, collecting data or winning awards – it is implementing change based on the data that we collect.

The experience of many sites is significant quality improvement; this may translate into reduction of morbidity and mortality, and this is too important not to share on a regular basis.

Given the wonderful response and increasing interest in the project, it is therefore important to collate and document any changes you have made or anticipate making at your sites. As the interest moves to defining the tangible practices on site that make a difference, and as asked by the NSW Innovation Awards presenter, we need to know what specific practice innovations reduce risk at intubation?

As a result, we will be collecting any changes at sites and the dates they occurred, so please start thinking about these and documenting them now. Please send them to us by email, this could be in the format of a project diary.

Many thanks

Toby, on behalf of the ANZEDAR Committee