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Australia and New Zealand Airway Registry: An Update

Dear Colleagues,

Some of you have been working with us for many months now; and some are just coming on board. I wanted to let you know where the project is up to.

In NSW the ECI sponsored project now has 11 sites collecting data and another 15 still going through the ethics process. In the broader sphere we also have active sites in all the other states and territories in Australia and New Zealand.

I am also very pleased to report that the New Zealand Emergency Medicine Network is promoting the Airway Registry as one of its primary New Zealand wide research projects – thanks to Andrew Brainard for this.

In Queensland, thanks to the efforts of Clinton Gibbs, the Queensland Emergency Research Collaborative is also promoting the project through their network.

This brings the number of sites collecting or planning to collect data to 35. We have over 700 intubations recorded since May 2013 and another 1014 from the first phase of the project, from April 2010.

Clearly developing a representative database is a significant part of the long-term goal with our ultimate aim to improve practice.

To this end, three sites have already made significant changes to their practice of intubation in the ED, in light of their own audit. We would be very grateful if you could all inform us of any departmental changes made as part of your own audit.

On the subject of data, I appreciate how much effort it takes to capture all the data for all the cases and I thank you for your fastidiousness with this aspect of the project.

Many thanks

Toby, on behalf of the ANZEDAR committee...