

ANZASM**Queensland Audit of Surgical Mortality (QASM)
Steering Committee****2. KEYWORDS**

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3. BODY OF POLICY

The College Council, in 2004 endorsed coordinating the bi-national roll out of Audits of Surgical Mortality. To ensure appropriate governance, standardization and consistency, QASM is a component of a bi-national approach and is a member of the Australian and New Zealand Audit of Surgical Mortality Management Committee (ANZASM) which assists in managing and coordinating the roll-out and maintenance of the audits. Queensland Health provides funding for the QASM project and has representation on the QASM Steering Committee.

This Steering Committee will monitor the structures and processes involved in the QASM quality assurance activity. Furthermore it will facilitate the planning, managing, monitoring and evaluating of surgically related health services by the participation of Surgical issues identified relating to inappropriate or inadequate practice and indications of major system issues allowed by QP legislation.

- Aim for 100% participation compliance. One mechanism is mandating of audit through CPD.
- To review de-identified data and adverse event information from surgical care with the objective of recommending quality improvement initiatives. To assist in formulating action areas to prevent or reduce the likelihood or severity of future adverse events and recommending quality improvement initiatives for surgical care.
- To promote systemic improvements in the safety and quality of health care in the Queensland health system both in hospitals and other health care settings.
- Review recommendations and action taken to respond to relevant safety and quality

TERMS OF REFERENCE

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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