



Framework for Australian clinical quality registries (Second Edition)

Streamlining safety and quality reporting through national CQRs

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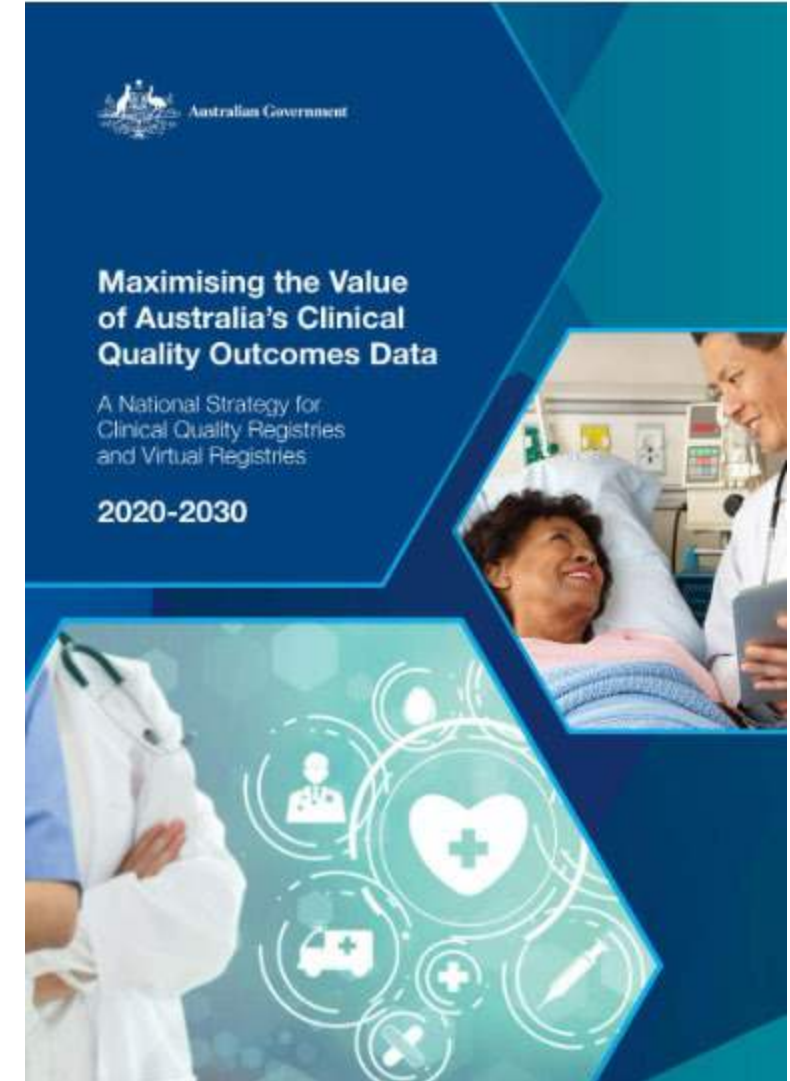
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National Context

- National Health Reform Agreement 2020-2025
- National Strategy with 24 key priority areas
 - **Priority areas 11-15**
- The Commission
 - **Framework for Australian Clinical Quality Registries 2nd edition.**
 - **Australian Register of Clinical Registries.**
- The Australian Digital Health Agency
 - **National Healthcare Interoperability Plan**
 - **National Digital Health Strategy**
- Australian Institute of Health & Welfare
 - **National Data Hub**
 - **Data Standards**



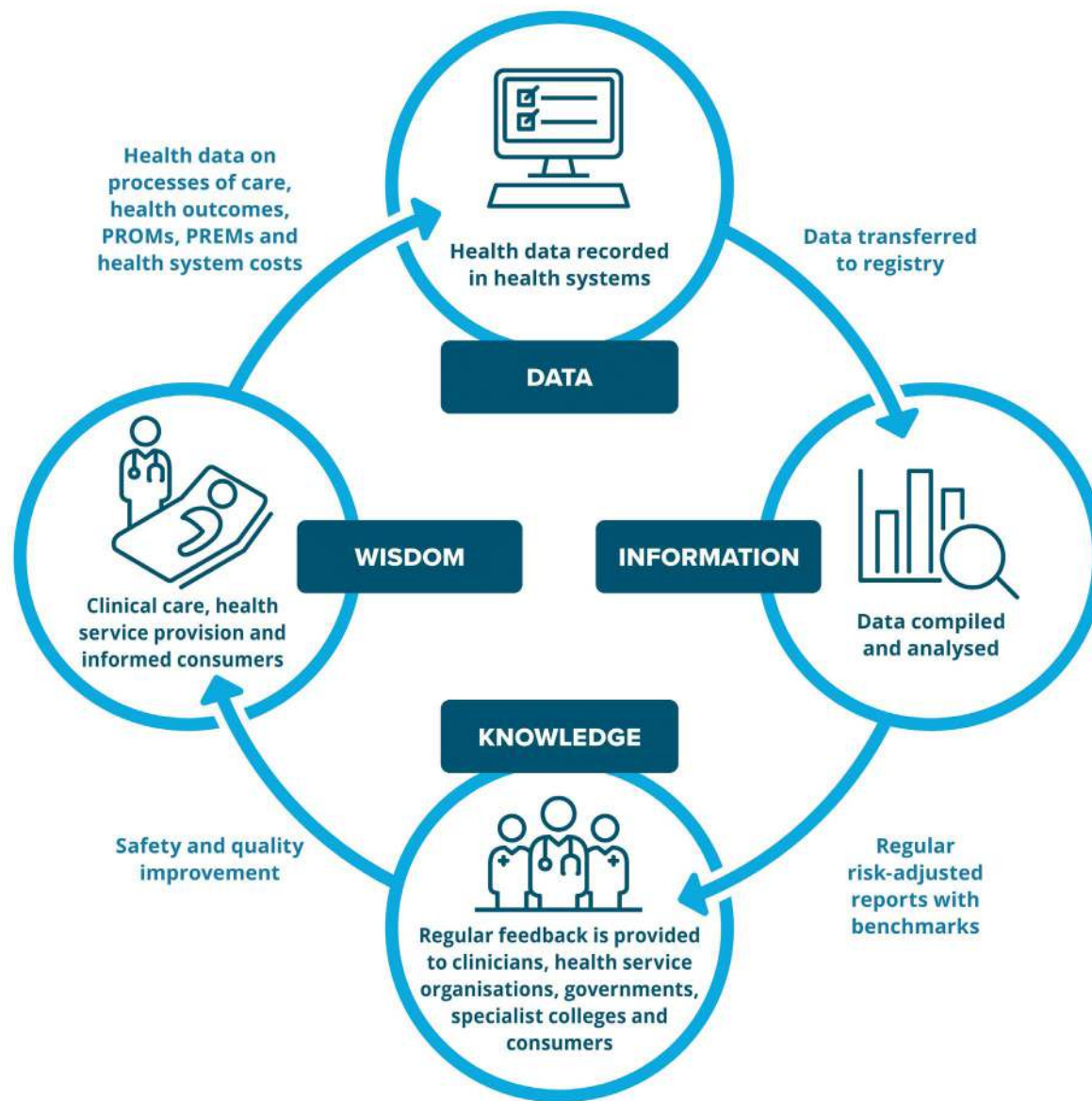
Best practice CQRs

Complete, high quality clinical quality registry (CQR) data capture at a health system level **is best achieved when data collection fits within existing reporting structures and is facilitated by national digital hosting capability.**

This includes **contemporary database technology and quality assurance processes** (as evidenced in the United Kingdom National Health Service and Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands)

Successful national CQRs **have organisational governance arrangements; receive some government funding and are coordinated between national, state and territory governments and stakeholder groups.**





Purpose of the revision

Maximise the use of health data to report on safety and quality in healthcare for the benefit of patients, consumers, clinicians, health service organisations, the health system and governments.

Support well designed national CQRs operating under national arrangements move towards achieving national reporting and the return of health information to the community

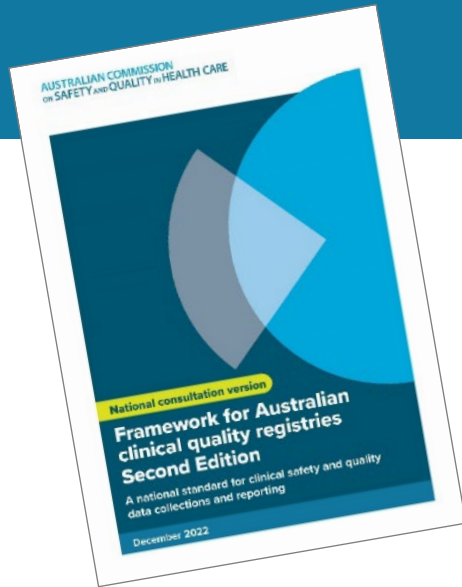
Update guidance on clinical quality registry requirements' specification, infrastructure and technical standards; logical system architecture and design, and security compliance guidelines

Provide additional guidance on governance arrangements for CQR organisations, and reporting requirements and outlier management

Update the National Health Information Arrangements

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CONSULTATION DRAFTS



FRAMEWORK SECOND EDITION

**Strategic
principles**

**Operating
principles**

Governance

**Health data
for safety
& quality
improvement**

**Logical
architecture &
design**

**Security
compliance**

Reporting

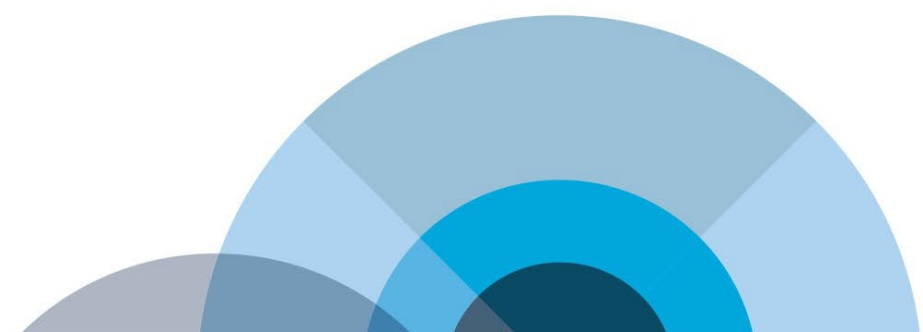
**Outlier
measurement
& oversight**

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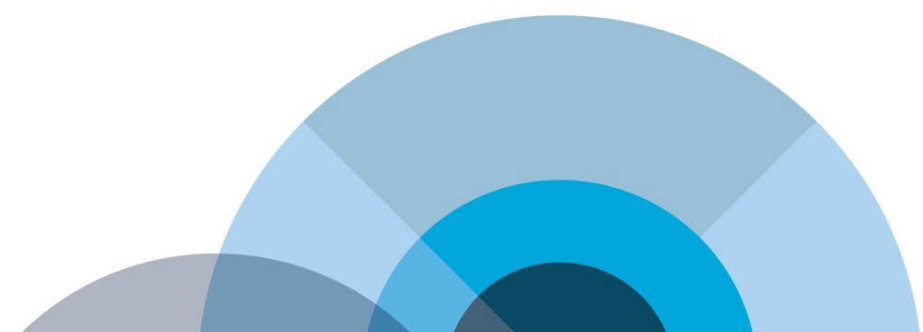
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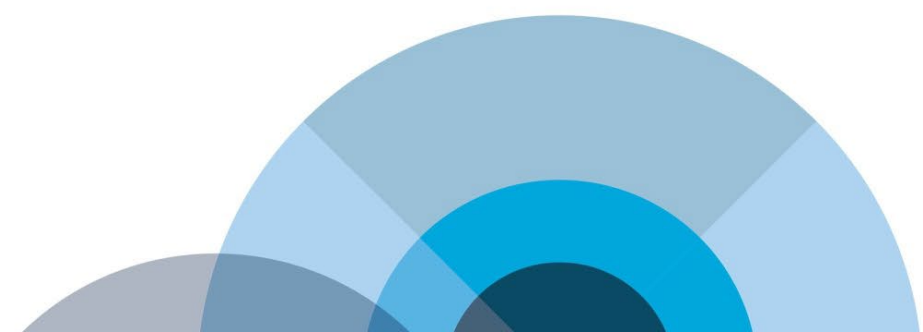
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Identified key themes

Support for high-level intention and aspirations

Positioning CQRs within a quality improvement framework

Preparing for a digital future

Focus on consumers

Definitions and terminology

Ongoing advocacy and collaboration

Improvements to document structure and language

Suggested strategies to support implementation

Proposed recommendations

Provide strategic & operating principles, and quality standard for national CQRs

Increase level of digitisation to facilitate national CQRs

Integrate Healthcare Identifiers Service

Explore mandatory CQR participation

Develop actions to support self-assessment in the first instance

Align with national initiatives for information sharing and interoperability

Mandatory public reporting

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The document is welcomed. It certainly sets the bar considerably higher than it is at this present point in time and will be a challenge for many of us to be able to meet. But that's not to say we shouldn't be aspiring to get to that level.

It is certainly good from our perspective to hear the conversations about moving ethics and governance out of that research arena. I get the importance of research, but from a clinical qualities registry, we are hamstrung by the requirements of some of the research governance requirements. So that's a welcome opportunity...

Registry



Streamlining CQR Site Approval Pilot (SCrAP) 2021-2022

Key activities of Stage 1 of the project included:

1. Providing an overview of the processes and costs associated with the current site Research Governance Office approval processes for CQRs
2. Reviewing existing authorising and data transfer mechanisms/models for CQRs to obtain data from hospitals/practitioners with Australia and internationally
3. Considering the appropriateness of these identified mechanisms/models to be adapted for nationally prioritised CQRs in Australia.
4. Determining the enabling structures and processes needed to support alternative authorisation/data transfer model(s).
5. Making recommendations to the National CQR Strategy regarding implementation of alternative models in Australia.

Streamlining CQR Site Approval Pilot (SCrAP) 2021-2022

Key activities of Stage 2 of the project to undertake the pilot alternative model included:

1. Development of project governance;
2. Identification of pilot CQRs and sites (health services) for potential matching;
3. Matching of pilot CQRs to pilot sites;
4. Review of pilot CQR and site-related policies and procedures and related documents;
5. Co-design of a 'generic CQR - health service' streamlined approach including identification and development of key supporting documents and processes;
6. Testing of the streamlined approach with the pilot CQRs and sites;
7. Development of evaluation criteria from stakeholder interviews and surveys, and
8. Evaluation of the pilot



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