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**SURGICAL RESEARCH ACTIVITY REPORT
2018 - 2020**

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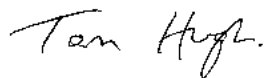
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the research activity conducted by surgeons within the Division of Surgery and Anaesthesia (DoSA) at Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH) between 2018 and 2020.

For all surgeons, improving the surgical care they provide and achieving the best outcomes for patients is a high priority. Surgical research at RNSH includes investigations and assessments of new surgical approaches and techniques, collaborative translational research, and improving current practices through data analysis and clinical audit.

Initially, the SERT Institute collated the publications listed in this document after undertaking a systematic search of peer-reviewed publications authored by RNSH surgeons. The lists for each department were then distributed to the relevant Heads and Academic Leads for review to confirm accuracy and completeness. Each department was asked to provide further information about the range of other research activity undertaken by the surgeons including involvement with laboratory-based activities and or supervision of higher degree research.

This report highlights the large volume of research activity and peer-reviewed publications across the RNSH Division of Surgery and Anaesthesia from 2018-2020. Almost 450 published manuscripts were generated during this period equating to an average of 148 publications annually for DoSA. Several departments have a particularly strong focus on translational research with links to laboratories either in the Kolling Building or external to RNSH. The Surgical Research Activity Report 2018-2020 is a dynamic document that will be updated regularly as new research activity and publications occur.



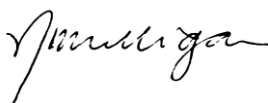
Professor Thomas Hugh

Director, Surgical Education Research & Training Institute

In conjunction with NSLHD and on behalf of DOSA, the SERT Institute has collated all research conducted across surgical departments at Royal North Shore Hospital from January 2018 to December 2020. This was a major project of work to highlight the depth and breadth of research that is occurring across all departments. It is extremely impressive that our busy clinical departments consistently undertake a high volume of research and contribute to achievements within their speciality.

I would like to thank the staff of the SERT Institute for their hard work in producing this inaugural report. For information about the SERT Institute and opportunities to engage in research, education and training within surgery at RNSH please visit the SERT Website

<https://northernsydneyurgery.org.au>



Dr Michelle Mulligan

Clinical Director, Division of Surgery & Anaesthesia



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ACUTE SURGICAL UNIT

Head of Department: Shahrir Kabir



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Acute Surgical Unit Database
- Acute Surgical Unit QoR 15
- Acute Surgical Unit Impact Cohort
- Acute Surgical Unit Patient Management Work Instructions

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- STE15169 – 2019 Evaluating the use of the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program- surgical risk calculator in predicting mortality in an Acute Surgical Unit and how it has assisted in the management of patients deemed to be at high risk of post-operative mortality
- STE16869 – 2020 American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program. Comparison between NSQIP risk calculator and NSQIP adult with aim of determining accuracy of risk calculator in the Australian population in emergency surgery



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Comparison between NSQIP risk calculator and NSQIP adult with aim of determining accuracy of risk calculator in the Australian population in emergency surgery
- Adhesional SBO management
- COVID-19 testing using antibody test kits
- ASU anti-microbial stewardship



PUBLICATIONS

2020

Parkin et al. **2020** "Utility of the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program surgical risk calculator in predicting mortality in an Australian acute surgical unit." **ANZ J Surg** 90(5):746-751 PMID: 32348035. Surgical Staff: **Anthony Glover**

BREAST AND MELANOMA SURGERY

Head of Department: Andrew Spillane



RESEARCH SUPERVISION (2018-2020)

Andrew Spillane

- Master of Surgery x2

Education and Teaching Modules:

- Teaching and head of course, Advanced Surgery of the Breast - University of Sydney, Masters of Surgery

Samitri Sood

Education and Teaching Modules:

- Teaching and course coordinator, Advanced Surgery of the Breast - University of Sydney, Masters of Surgery



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Breast High Risk Database
- Breast Total Practice Audit
- BreastSurgANZ Quality Audit (BQA)
- Melanoma Institute Australia Melanoma Research (MRD) Database

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- POSNOC Study
- EXPERT Study
- WinPRO Study
- iBREAST Study
- QoLID Study

LINKS TO TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERS OR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS

- Melanoma Institute of Australia
- University of Sydney – Discipline of Surgery



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Clinical and laboratory based research in melanoma and breast cancer
- Retrospective study on loco-regional recurrence and functional outcomes following axillary treatment in early node positive breast cancer
- Outcomes of targeted axillary clearance in early node positive breast cancer following neoadjuvant chemotherapy
- Development of a neoadjuvant treatment in breast cancer registry for Northern Sydney Area Health District



PUBLICATIONS

2020

- Brennan et al. **2020** "General practitioners are key to increasing Australia's low rate of breast reconstruction." *Australian Journal of General Practice* 49 452-454 PMID: 32600003 Surgical Staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Diefenbach et al. **2020** "Design and Testing of a Custom Melanoma Next Generation Sequencing Panel for Analysis of Circulating Tumor DNA." *Cancers* 12 2228 PMID: 32785074 Surgical Staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Harris et al. **2020** "Primary dermal melanoma: clinical behaviour, prognosis and treatment." *European Journal of Surgical Oncology* S0748-7983: 30440-6 PMID:32417156 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Haydu et al. **2020** "Cumulative Incidence and Predictors of CNS Metastasis for Patients With American Joint Committee on Cancer 8th Edition Stage III Melanoma." *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 38: 1429-1441 PMID:31990608 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Hubley et al. **2020** "Sentinel node occult lesion localization technique for impalpable breast cancer." *ANZ Journal of Surgery* 90 2510-2515 PMID: 33124171 Surgical Staff: **Kylie Snook, Andrew Spillane**
- Kashani-Sabet et al. **2020** "Reappraisal of the prognostic significance of mitotic rate supports its reincorporation into the melanoma staging system." *Cancer* 126 4717-4725 PMID: 32780467 Surgical Staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Law et al. **2020** "Multiplex melanoma families are enriched for polygenic risk." *Human Molecular Genetics* 29 2976-2985 PMID: 32716505 Surgical Staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Lo et al. **2020** "Improved Risk Prediction Calculator for Sentinel Node Positivity in Patients With Melanoma: The Melanoma Institute Australia Nomogram." *Journal of Clinical Oncology* In press: JCO1902362 PMID:32530761 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Maw et al. **2020** "Case Report of 18F-FDG PET/CT Features of Polyacrylamide Hydrogel Mammoplasty." *Clinical Nuclear Medicine* In press: doi: 10.1097/RLU.0000000000003403 PMID: 33208622 Surgical Staff: **Samriti Sood**
- Newell et al. **2020** "Whole-genome sequencing of acral melanoma reveals genomic complexity and diversity." *Nature Communications* 11 5259 PMID: 33067454 Surgical Staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Nickel et al. **2020** "Views of healthcare professionals about the role of active monitoring in the management of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS): Qualitative interview study." *Breast* 54 99-105 PMID: 32971350 Surgical Staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Ofri et al. **2020** "Occult breast cancer: Where are we at?" *Breast* 54 211-215 PMID: 33130487 Surgical Staff: **Katrina Moore**
- Olofsson Bagge et al. **2020** "Comment on "Factors Affecting Sentinel Node Metastasis in Thin (T1) Cutaneous Melanomas: Development and External Validation of a Predictive Nomogram" *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 38 3233-3234 PMID: 32701414 Surgical Staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Rapport et al. **2020** "Identifying challenges to implementation of clinical practice guidelines for sentinel lymph node biopsy in patients with melanoma in Australia: protocol paper for a mixed methods study." *BMJ open* 10: e032636 PMID:32111612 Surgical staff: **Ariella Smith, Andrew Spillane**
- Salindera et al. **2020** "What are the appropriate thresholds for High Quality Performance Indicators for breast surgery in Australia and New Zealand?" *Breast* 51: 94-101 PMID:32252005 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Spillane et al. **2020** "The Landmark Series: Neoadjuvant Systemic Therapy (NAST) for Stage 3 Melanoma Patients - A Potential Paradigm Shift in Management." *Annals of Surgical Oncology* In press: doi: 10.1245/s10434-020-08566-8 PMID:32409966 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Tetzlaff et al. **2020** "Histopathological features of complete pathological response predict recurrence-free survival following neoadjuvant targeted therapy for metastatic melanoma." *Annals of Oncology* 31 1569-1579 PMID: 32739408 Surgical Staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- van Akkooi et al. **2020** "ASO Author Reflections: The Landmark Series: Neoadjuvant Systemic Therapy (NAST) for Stage 3 Melanoma Patients: A Potential Paradigm Shift in Management." *Annals of Surgical Oncology* In press: doi: 10.1245/s10434-020-08570-y. PMID:32382889 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Watts et al. **2020** "Australian general practitioners' attitudes and knowledge of sentinel lymph node biopsy in melanoma management." *Australian Journal of General Practice* 49: 355-362 PMID:32464734 Surgical staff: **Ariella Smith, Andrew Spillane**

- Amaria et al. **2019** "Neoadjuvant systemic therapy in melanoma: recommendations of the International Neoadjuvant Melanoma Consortium." **The Lancet. Oncology** 20: e378-e389 PMID:31267972 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Brennan et al. **2019** "Breast symptoms in adolescents and young adults presenting to a specialist breast clinic." **Australian Journal of General Practice** 48: 146-151 PMID:31256478 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Chen et al. **2019** "Window of opportunity treatment in breast cancer." **ANZ Journal of Surgery** 90: 34-40 PMID:31770829 Surgical staff: **Ji Chen, Kylie Snook, Andrew Spillane**
- Diefenbach et al. **2019** "Analysis of the Whole-Exome Sequencing of Tumor and Circulating Tumor DNA in Metastatic Melanoma." **Cancers** 11: 1905 PMID:31795494 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Farshid et al. **2019** "ASCO/CAP 2018 breast cancer HER2 testing guidelines: summary of pertinent recommendations for practice in Australia." **Pathology** 51: 345-348 PMID:31076089 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Feng et al. **2019** "Patterns of immediate breast reconstruction in New South Wales, Australia: a population-based study." **ANZ Journal of Surgery** 89: 1230-1235 PMID:31418524 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Flitcroft et al. **2019** "Increasing access to breast reconstruction for women living in underserved non-metropolitan areas of Australia." **Supportive Care in Cancer** 28: 2843-2856 PMID:31729569 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Flitcroft et al. **2019** "On the frontiers of change: breast surgeons' views on demarcation between surgical sub-specialties in Australia." **ANZ Journal of Surgery** 90: 317-324 PMID:31845437 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Flitcroft et al. **2019** "Principles of patient-centred care and barriers to their implementation: a case study of breast reconstruction in Australia." **Supportive Care in Cancer** 28: 1963-1981 PMID:31372747 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Flitcroft et al. **2019** "The impact on Australian women of lack of choice of breast reconstruction options: A qualitative study." **Psycho-oncology** 28: 547-552 PMID:30620117 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Henderson et al. **2019** "New treatment paradigms for clinically apparent metastatic melanoma in regional lymph nodes." **ANZ Journal of Surgery** 89: 1187-1189 PMID:31621166 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Kanesalingam et al. **2019** "Postmastectomy radiotherapy and immediate implant-based breast reconstruction: attitudes and practices of Australian and New Zealand breast surgeons." **ANZ Journal of Surgery** 89: 1186-1187 PMID:31621162 Surgical staff: **Samitri Sood**
- Lee et al. **2019** "Pre-operative ctDNA predicts survival in high-risk stage III cutaneous melanoma patients." **Annals of Oncology** 30: 815-822 PMID:30860590 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Long et al. **2019** "Neoadjuvant dabrafenib combined with trametinib for resectable, stage IIIB-C, BRAFV600 mutation-positive melanoma (NeoCombi): a single-arm, open-label, single-centre, phase 2 trial." **The Lancet. Oncology** 20: 961-971 PMID:31171444 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Newell et al. **2019** "Whole-genome landscape of mucosal melanoma reveals diverse drivers and therapeutic targets." **Nature Communications** 10: 3163 PMID:31320640 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Nijhuis et al. **2019** "Current management of patients with melanoma who are found to be sentinel node-positive." **ANZ Journal of Surgery** 90: 491-496 PMID:31667924 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Oh et al. **2019** "Outcomes of breast reconstruction in older women: patterns of uptake and clinical outcomes in a large metropolitan practice." **ANZ Journal of Surgery** 89: 706-711 PMID:31033164 Surgical staff: **Kylie Snook, Andrew Spillane**
- Rozeman et al. **2019** "Identification of the optimal combination dosing schedule of neoadjuvant ipilimumab plus nivolumab in macroscopic stage III melanoma (OpACIN-neo): a multicentre, phase 2, randomised, controlled trial." **The Lancet. Oncology** 20: 948-960 PMID:31160251 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Spillane et al. **2019** "Do we need higher-level evidence of improved quality of life outcomes before promoting uptake of oncoplastic breast conservation surgery techniques?" **ANZ Journal of Surgery** 89: 626-627 PMID:31179634 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Spillane et al. **2019** "Evaluation of a structured clinical program and formal coursework in breast surgeon training in Australia and New Zealand." **European Journal of Surgical Oncology** 45: 1821-1826 PMID:31331802 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**
- Wilsher et al. **2019** "Metachronous metaplastic carcinomas of breast arising in association with multiple intraduct papillomata, with eventual cardiopulmonary metastasis and death." **The Breast Journal** 25: 716-718 PMID:31087410 Surgical staff: **Kylie Snook**
- Zdenkowski et al. **2019** "Patient-reported outcomes with neoadjuvant vs adjuvant systemic therapy for operable breast cancer." **Breast** 46: 25-31 PMID:31059987 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane, Kylie Snook**

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Flitcroft et al. **2017** "Decisional regret and choice of breast reconstruction following mastectomy for breast cancer: A systematic review." **Psycho-oncology** 27: 1110-1120 PMID:29143481 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**

Friedman et al. **2018** "Correlation Between Surgical and Histologic Margins in Melanoma Wide Excision Specimens." **Annals of Surgical Oncology** 26: 25-32 PMID:30327975 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**

Galimberti et al. **2018** "Axillary dissection versus no axillary dissection in patients with breast cancer and sentinel-node micrometastases (IBCSG 23-01): 10-year follow-up of a randomised, controlled phase 3 trial." **The Lancet. Oncology** 19: 1385-1393 PMID:30196031 Surgical staff: **Katrina Moore, Mark Sywak, Andrew Spillane**

Moncrieff et al. **2018** "1 Versus 2-cm Excision Margins for pT2-pT4 Primary Cutaneous Melanoma (MelMarT): A Feasibility Study." **Annals of Surgical Oncology** 25: 2541-2549 PMID:29850955 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane** (Published correction published **Annals of Surgical Oncology** 25: 991 PMID:29947003)

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Solinas et al. **2018** "Pigmented Paget's disease of the nipple mistaken for melanoma in situ: a diagnostic pitfall for the unwary." **Pathology** 50: 364-367 PMID:29490872 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**

Spillane et al. **2018** "Re-examining the role of adjuvant radiation therapy." **Journal of Surgical Oncology** 119: 242-248 PMID:30554414 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**

Tetzlaff et al. **2018** "Pathological assessment of resection specimens after neoadjuvant therapy for metastatic melanoma." **Annals of Oncology** 29: 1861-1868 PMID:29945191 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**

Wilmott et al. **2018** "Whole genome sequencing of melanomas in adolescent and young adults reveals distinct mutation landscapes and the potential role of germline variants in disease susceptibility." **International Journal of Cancer** 144: 1049-1060 PMID:30178487 Surgical staff: **Andrew Spillane**

BURNS, PLASTICS & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

Head of Department: Robert Gates



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- State-wide Burn Injury Service (SBIS) Registry
- Burns Registry Australia & New Zealand (BRANZ)
- Plastic Surgery Department REDCap Database

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- The use of digital thermography in free flap reconstruction. Cohort study. Commenced.
- Compression therapy versus vacuum-assisted closure in lower limb burns. Cohort study, commenced
- Fluid resuscitation requirements of the severe burns patient following Australian bushfire. Cohort study, commenced.



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Burns therapies including bacteriophage treatments and improving wound closure with application of bio-membranes and compression and vacuum-assisted.
- Outcome predictors of in burns wounds
- Skin donor sites for major burns
- Jewellery associated burn treatment.
- Digital thermography in free flap reconstructions
- Optimising Flow State in Microsurgery” aims to answer the following questions:
 - Is flow state achieved during microsurgery?
 - Is a mindfulness intervention able to improve a microsurgeons experience of flow?
- Work-related electrical burns associated with jewellery
- A pilot study in the assessment of the utility of intra-operative high-resolution duplex ultrasound in microvascular reconstruction.
- A Brief history and review of living donor skin allografting
- Burns in the Extreme Geriatric Population
- Outcome predictors in elderly lower limb microsurgical reconstruction: a comparative study
- Dual Surgeon - Operating efficiency and patient outcomes
- How to do it: Utilizing Biobrane for the Burnt Auricle
- Compression therapy versus vacuum-assisted closure in lower limb burns
- Electrical burns associated with jewellery.



PUBLICATIONS

2020

Cubitt et al. **2020** "Mandibular distraction osteogenesis for Pierre Robin sequence: The Sydney experience." *Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery* *In press* doi: 10.1016/j.bjps.2020.10.022 PMID: 33162386 Surgical Staff: **Robert Gates**

Haines et al. **2020** "How to do it: treating the burnt auricle using Biobrane." *ANZ Journal of Surgery* *In press* doi: 10.1111/ans.16462 PMID: 33289189 Surgical Staff: **Jeon Cha**

Itinteang et al. **2020** "A Large Dermoid Cyst Causing Plagiocephaly." *The Journal of Craniofacial Surgery* 31 e155-e156 PMID: 31977706 Surgical Staff: **Robert Gates**

Liang et al. **2020** "A rare case of Bowen's disease of the nipple: Literature review and management pathway." *The Breast Journal* *In press* doi: 10.1111/tbj.13824. PMID:32212188 Surgical staff: **Jeon Cha**

2019

Cubitt et al. **2019** "Auricular reconstruction." *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health* 55: 512-517 PMID:30920067 Surgical staff: **John Vandervord**

Fitzpatrick et al. **2019** "The use of a combined profunda femoris perforator-based fasciocutaneous flap and gracilis muscle flap in the treatment of ischial pressure wounds in patients with limited mobility." *Eur J Plast Surg* 42: 379–384 Surgical Staff: **Jeon Cha**

Holt R et al. **2019** "Insecure adult attachment style is associated with elevated psychological symptoms in early adjustment to severe burn: A cross-sectional study." *Burns* 45: 1359-1366 PMID:31160134 Surgical staff: **John Vandervord**

Lang et al. **2019** "A Critical Update of the Assessment and Acute Management of Patients with Severe Burns." *Advances in Wound Care* 8: 607-633 PMID:31827977 Surgical staff: **John Vandervord**

Lang et al. **2019** "Plasma protein C levels are directly associated with better outcomes in patients with severe burns." *Burns* 45: 1659-1672 PMID:31221425 Surgical staff: **Aruna Wijewardena, John Vandervord**

Yeap et al. **2019** "Current evidence for outcomes of free-flap reconstruction in factor V Leiden patients." *Australasian Journal of Plastic Surgery* 2(2):58-66 Surgical Staff: **Rowan Gillies, John Vandervord**

2018

Fitzpatrick et al. **2019** "The Use of a Combined Profunda Femoris Perforator-Based Fasciocutaneous " *European Journal of Plastic Surgery* 42: 379–384 PMID: Surgical staff: **Jeon Cha, John Vandervord**

Holt et al. **2019** "Insecure adult attachment style is associated with elevated psychological symptoms in early adjustment to severe burn: A cross-sectional study." *Burns* 45: 1359-1366 PMID:31160134 Surgical staff: **John Vandervord, Julia Kwiet**

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

Head of Department: David Marshman



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Australian & New Zealand Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons (ANZSCTS) National Database
- RNSH Cardiovascular Surgery Database
- Implantable Cardiac Device Database

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- A randomised control trial of axillary artery cannulation versus standard aortic cannulation for aortic valve replacement.
- 2019/ETH12555: A study of flow dynamics in Coronary Artery Bypass Grafts Developing a model to predict the flow based on which conduit, coronary distribution, and graft configuration.



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (ERAS) protocol- collaborative project to optimise perioperative care of cardiac surgical patients.
- AI tool development for predicting cardiothoracic ward patients that are likely to deteriorate (with Sydney Adventist Hospital).
- Development of a RNSH Implantable Cardiac Device database to record all cases performed.
- Long term follow up (10-15 years) of off-pump arterial grafts and projects related to assessing and improving off-pump surgery.
- Bio-printing of human cardiac patches to improve heart regeneration.
- Evaluating use of aortic cannulation in valve replacement.
- Investigating axillary inflow Cerebral Injury in patients undergoing aortic valve replacement.
- Vascular leak associated micro RNA in cardiovascular surgery.
- Determining trans-catheter aortic valve implantation outcomes in low risk patients.



PUBLICATIONS

2020

Chen et al. **2020** "Salvage thoracotomy for atraumatic tension haemothorax in a patient with neurofibromatosis type 1: an Australian experience." *ANZ Journal of Surgery* *In press* doi: 10.1111/ans.16458 PMID: 33236494 Surgical Staff: **Levi Bassin**

Gimpel et al. **2020** "Operative Results of Mitral Valve Repair and Replacement in Chronic Ischaemic Mitral Valve Regurgitation." *Heart, Lung & Circulation* 29 1713-1724 PMID: 32493579 Surgical Staff: **Levi Bassin**

Manuel et al. **2020** "Robotic approach to the porcelain aorta: staged transcatheter aortic valve replacement and robotically assisted coronary artery bypass." *ANZ Journal of Surgery* Surgical staff: **Levi Bassin**

Manuel et al. **2020** "Is totally endoscopic coronary artery bypass grafting compared with minimally invasive direct coronary artery bypass grafting associated with superior outcomes in patients with isolated left anterior descending disease?" *Annals of Medicine and Surgery* 57:264-7 PMID: 32884744 Surgical staff: **Levi Bassin**

Roche et al. **2020** "Current challenges in three-dimensional bioprinting heart tissues for cardiac surgery " *European Journal of Cardiothorac Surgery* *In press* doi:10.1093/ejcts/ezaa093 PMID:32340555 Surgical staff: **John Brereton**

2019

Bamford et al. **2019** "Delayed diagnosis of right-sided valve endocarditis causing recurrent pulmonary abscesses: a case report." *Journal of Medical Case Reports* 13: 97 PMID:30999926 Surgical staff: **Levi Bassin**

Bamford et al. **2019** "Large Bioprosthetic Aortic Valve Thrombi on DOACs." *Heart Lung & Circulation* 28: e139-e142 PMID:31076237 Surgical staff: **Levi Bassin**

Kay et al. **2019** "Rugby Player's Aorta: Alarming Prevalence of Ascending Aortic Dilatation and Effacement in Elite Rugby Players." *Heart Lung & Circulation* 29: 196-201 PMID:31494040 Surgical staff: **David Marshman**

Pu et al. **2019** "Intravenous amino acid therapy for kidney protection in cardiac surgery patients: A pilot randomized controlled trial." *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* 157: 2356-2366 PMID:30685166 Surgical staff: **John Brereton**

Talwar et al. **2019** "Experience With the Axillary Artery as an Arterial Cannulation Site in Patients With Acute Type A Aortic Dissection." *Heart Lung Circ.* 28(2):342-347 PMID: 29748059 Surgical staff: **Manu Mathur**

2018

Litton et al. **2018** "Six-Month Outcomes After High-Risk Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery and Preoperative Intra-aortic Balloon Counterpulsation Use: An Inception Cohort Study." *Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia* 32: 2067-2073 PMID:29456049 Surgical staff: **David Marshman**

Ramponi et al. **2018** "Dual inflow, total-arterial, anaortic, off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting: how to do it." *Annals of Cardiothoracic Surgery* 7: 552-560 PMID:30094221 Surgical staff: **John Brereton**

COLORECTAL SURGERY

Head of Department: Alexander Engel



RESEARCH SUPERVISION (2018-2020)

Alexander Engel

- 2 PhD students ongoing
- 1 PhD completed 2020 (co-supervisor)
- 2 Masters students completed 2018-2020
- 2 Masters students ongoing,
- 8 MD research students completed, 4 MD research students ongoing



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- RNSH Colorectal Audit
- Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit (BCCA)
- Colorectal Cancer Surgical Pathology Database (Prof Anthony Gill)

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- ETH08162-Analysis of patients presenting with haematochezia/PR bleeding at a single centre
- ETH01264-CT and clinical correlation of diverticulitis severity
- ETH00301: IMAP Study - Integrative Molecular Analysis of Polyps
- HREC/17/RPAH/542- Hide and Seek: MDT advice and subsequent genetic counselling for suspected Lynch syndrome

LINKS TO TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERS OR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS

- University of Sydney Nano Institute
- University of Sydney Charles Perkins Centre
- University of NSW Nano Photonics Institute



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Faecal Incontinence: effect of tibial nerve stimulation (A/Prof Margaret Schitzler)
- Linking public obstetric health data to surgical problems. (A/Prof Margaret Schnitzler)
- Outcome of primary repair of obstetric sphincter rupture (Prof Alexander Engel)
- Classification of intra-operative complications (Prof Alexander Engel)
- Nanotechnology and improvement in diagnosis and management of CRC lymphnode metastasis (Prof Alexander Engel)
- Photodynamic therapy in combination with low dose radiotherapy as an alternative to chemoradiation in advanced and recurrent rectal cancer. (Prof Alexander Engel)
- Integrative molecular classification of colorectal polyps (Prof Alexander Engel)
- Molecular signature of lymphnode metastasis in early colorectal cancer (Prof Alexander Engel)
- New classification of large bowel diverticulitis (Prof Alexander Engel)

- Understanding the pathophysiology, diagnostics and management of lower GI bleeding (Prof Alexander Engel)



PUBLICATIONS

2020

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ENDOCRINE SURGERY

Head of Department: Stanley Sidhu



RESEARCH SUPERVISION (2018-2020)

Stanley Sidhu

- PhD x3

Mark Sywak

- Master of Surgery x1
- MD x1

Anthony Glover

- University of Sydney Supervision of Higher degree research course completed
- Master of Surgery Program Lead



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Adrenal Surgery Database
- Thyroid / Parathyroid Surgery Database
- Thyroid Cancer
- Follow up Database
- Australian and New Zealand Thyroid Cancer Registry (ANZTCR)

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- Unlocking new treatments for endocrine tumours: a bio-bank for single cell science and novel technologies, Jan 2019
- Clinical Outcomes of Thyroid Cancer, July 2019

LINKS TO TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERS OR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS

- Garvan Institute (Genomics)
- Kolling Institute Cancer Genetics
- Sydney University Discipline of Surgery



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Garvan Endocrine Cancer Program (ECP) – integrating endocrine patient care with genomic analysis.
- Studies of the influences of the long non-coding RNAs and micro-RNAs in cancer and cancer therapies.
- Study of Thyroid cancer patients with distant metastasis (Cohort study).
- Alternative splicing and RBM10 mutations in advanced thyroid cancer (Cohort study).
- Comparisons of endocrine tumour recurrence.
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HAND AND PERIPHERAL NERVE SURGERY

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DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Hand and Peripheral Nerve Surgery Database

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- Ultrasound to Predict Tendinopathy from Distal Radius Volar Locking Plates: A Pilot Study.



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Anatomical and clinical studies of Intercostal to axillary nerves and nerve transfer, including cadaveric studies
- Nerve transfers in tetraplegic hand reconstruction.
- Outcomes research in pollicisation treatment.
- Rehabilitation application of extensor tendon excursion.
- Autograft suspension methods
- Carpal tunnel syndrome studies.
- Use of ultrasound in tendinopathy.
- One bone forearm procedure with medial femoral condyle osseous free flap- technique development
- Ongoing study of utility of medial femoral condyle vascularised bone grafts in hand surgery



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NEUROSURGERY

Head of Department: Nazih Assaad



RESEARCH SUPERVISION (2018-2020)

Jonathon Parkinson

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DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Neurosurgery Activity & Clinical Outcomes Database
- Interventional NeuroRadiology Workload Database
- Endovascular Clot Retrieval Database



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- DIRECT-SAFE - Direct endovascular clot retrieval (compared to bridging intravenous thrombolysis with endovascular clot retrieval). Clinical trial.
- MOSES - The Monitoring Of Stroke Endovascular Services (MOSES) study. Observational study.
- RISCIS - Riluzole in Spinal Cord Injury Study. Clinical Trial.
- OPTIMAL - Optimising Acute Management to Improve Long-Term Outcome in Acute Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury: A registry-platform study.
- SAHaRA - Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage - Red Blood Cell Transfusion and Outcome: A Randomized Controlled Trial.



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2019

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2018

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OPHTHALMOLOGY

Head of Department: James Smith



RESEARCH SUPERVISION (2018-2020)

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Timothy Roberts

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- Master of Public Health x1
- SMP MD research x3



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Fight retinal Blindness! Registry for age related macular degeneration, retinal vein occlusion, diabetic macular oedema

LINKS TO TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERS OR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS

- University of Sydney, Save Sight Institute
- Adelaide University (Prof Robert Casson)
- Chang Mai University, Thailand (Dr Voraporn Chaikitmongkol)
- University of Melbourne (A/Prof Lyndell Lim and A/Prof Sanj Wickramasinghe)
- University of Milan (Dr Alessandro Invernizzi and Prof Giovanni Staurenghi)
- University of Leipzig (Dr Catharina Busch and Prof Matus Rehak)



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

RETINA

Retinal vein occlusion:

- Long term outcomes of retinal vein occlusion treated with vascular endothelial derived growth factor inhibitors.
- Early predictors of one-year outcomes of eyes with retinal vein occlusion treated with VEGF inhibitors.
- Near-infrared light photobiomodulation treatment for retinal vein occlusion macular oedema.

Age related macular degeneration:

- Ten year outcomes of eyes with neovascular age related macular degeneration treated with vascular endothelial derived growth factor inhibitors.
- Imaging of eyes with polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy.
- Effect of speed of intravitreal injection on acute intraocular pressure rise.

Diabetic macular oedema:

- Predictors of 2 year outcomes of eyes with diabetic macular oedema treated with VEGF inhibitors.
- 5-year outcomes of eyes with diabetic macular oedema treated with antiVEGF.
- Intravitreal injections of aflibercept with or without laser to areas of peripheral ischaemia for diabetic macular oedema (supported by Diabetes Australia Trust grant (DART) and an unrestricted grant from Bayer).
- Outcomes of eyes with diabetic macular oedema treated with the dexamethasone implant

UVEITIS

- Early worsening of TB associated uveitis associated with TB treatment.

CATARACT SURGERY

- Long-term visual acuity and adverse event outcomes for new generation Clareon and Panoptix Trifocal intraocular lens compared to historical safety and performance endpoint (SPE) rates as reported in EN ISO 11979-7:2014.
- Magnitude of postoperative refractive astigmatism compared to preoperative corneal astigmatism in eyes with 0.50 D to 1.50 D of astigmatism implanted with TECNIS Toric IOL Model ZCT100
- Manual versus automated marking systems for intraoperative management of corneal astigmatism

GLAUCOMA

- Intraocular pressure (IOP)-lowering efficacy and safety of 2 dose strengths of Bimatoprost SR (Sustained-release implant) in the anterior chamber of patients with open-angle glaucoma (OAG) or ocular hypertension (OHT)

INDUSTRY SPONSORED TRIALS

- Kestrel Phase III Study of Efficacy and Safety of Brolucizumab vs. Aflibercept in Patients With Visual Impairment Due to diabetic macular edema 2019:
- Talon: A 64-week, Two-arm, Randomized, Double-masked, Multicenter, Phase IIIb Study Assessing the Efficacy and Safety of Brolucizumab 6 mg Compared to Aflibercept 2 mg in a Treat-to-control Regimen in Patients With Neovascular Age-related Macular Degeneration (TALON):
- Raven: An Eighteen-Month, Two-Arm, Randomized, Double Masked, Multicenter, Phase III Study Assessing the Efficacy and Safety of Brolucizumab Versus Aflibercept in Adult Patients With Visual Impairment Due to Macular Edema Secondary to Central Retinal Vein Occlusion:
- Renexus Phase 3 CNTF-Secreting cells for treatment of Macular telangiectasia type 2 - ongoing
- PANDA: A Phase III, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-masked study. Efficacy and Safety Trial of Conbercept Intravitreal Injection for neovascular age related macular degeneration. 2019
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- Lucerne Phase 3 study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of faricimab in participants with neovascular age related macular degeneration. 2019
- OAKS: Phase 3 study to compare the efficacy and safety of intravitreal APL-2 therapy with sham injections in patients with geographic atrophy secondary to age-related macular degeneration
- GOLDEN: Phase 2 Study to assess safety and efficacy of multiple doses of IONIS-FB-LRx in participants with geographic atrophy secondary to age-related macular degeneration
- Clareon IOL: To demonstrate the long-term (3 years) favourable visual acuity and adverse event outcomes for the Clareon IOL compared to historical safety and performance endpoint (SPE) rates as reported in EN ISO 11979-7:2014
- STIRLING: To investigate the magnitude of postoperative refractive astigmatism following implantation of the TECNIS® Toric IOL Model ZCT100 in eyes with 0.50 D to 1.50 D of preoperative corneal astigmatism, compared with preoperative corneal astigmatism (as measured by keratometry).
- Bimatoprost sustained-release implant: To evaluate the intraocular pressure (IOP)-lowering efficacy and safety of 2 dose strengths of Bimatoprost SR (Sustained-release implant) in the anterior chamber of patients with open-angle glaucoma (OAG) or ocular hypertension (OHT) after initial and repeated administrations
- Panoptix: Multi-centre retrospective study of 750 eyes implanted with a new generation trifocal Intraocular Lens



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DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Australian Orthopaedic Association National Joint Replacement Registry (AOANJRR)
- The Orthopaedic Registry and Implant/Tissue Bank
- RNSH Orthopaedic Trauma and Spine Database
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CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- SOFIE: Surgery for Olecranon Fracture in the Elderly: a randomized controlled trial of operative versus non-operative treatment.
- Recalcitrant Plantar Fasciitis and Actisound Ultrasound – A prospective randomized controlled trial.
- The Orthopaedic Registry and Implant/Tissue Bank
- A3BC Tissue BioBank.
- RNSH Trauma and Spine Registry

LINKS TO TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERS OR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS

- University of Sydney, Discipline of Surgery
- University of Sydney, School of Information Technology (Jinman Kim)
- University of Sydney, Australian Centre for Field Robotics (Ian Manchester, Stefan Williams)
- Raymond Purves Bone and Joint Research Laboratory (Chris Little)
- Murray Maxwell Biomechanics Laboratory (Elizabeth Clarke)
- Department of Rheumatology (David Hunter and Lyn March)



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

SHOULDER AND ELBOW

- Biomechanical comparison of shoulder materials.
- Precision And Accuracy Of Pumps Used In Shoulder Arthroplasty
- TXA Study (Systemic Tranexamic Acid in Shoulder Arthroplasty)
- Review of the use of the Rota-Lok system for massive rotator cuff repairs
- Comparative study of physician applied and patient reported Constant Scores utilising bathroom scales to derive force measurements
- Validation of Patient Completed Constant Shoulder Score
- Fitness Band Use in Shoulder Evaluation
- TXA 2 Study (Systemic Tranexamic Acid in Shoulder Arthroscopy and Rotator Cuff Repair)
- Arthroscopic RCR with muscle advancement for massive tears
- Supraspinatus and infraspinatus muscle advancement in irreparable rotator cuff tears: A cadaveric study quantifying the muscle slide
- Supraspinatus and infraspinatus muscle advancement in irreparable rotator cuff tears: A cadaveric study examining the effect on the suprascapular nerve
- Total Shoulder Replacement – Long Term Follow Up with the Constant Score
- Reverse Total Shoulder Replacement – Long Term Follow Up with the Constant Score.
- The ReShape study

HAND

- Hand surgery research projects, including biomechanics and case based studies on tendon surgery and nerve surgery, including nerve transfers

HIP

- Studies on the results of hip resurfacing arthroplasty including the results of ceramic-on-ceramic resurfacing.
- Cadaveric studies of cement penetration into the femoral head with resurfacing arthroplasty.
- Studies of the accuracy of navigation technologies in the alignment of hip replacements.
- Use of augmented reality for placement of guidewires in hip resurfacing arthroplasty.

KNEE

- Cognitive behavioural therapy in managing dissatisfaction following total knee replacement.
- Assessment of outcomes and readiness for return to sport after anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction.
- Study of multi-alignment in knee injuries
- Case controlled studies of bilateral vs unilateral total knee arthroplasty
- Knee biomechanics of patients after total knee replacement
- Predominantly prospective clinical trials in knee and elbow, retrospective, case series, radiological review, cadaveric and biomechanical. 90% independent investigator-initiated studies and 2 industry associated studies.
- Clinical trials comparing unicompartmental knee replacement and osteotomy, measurement of satisfaction following total knee replacement, studies on knee biomechanics and techniques for revision knee replacement.
- Stability of total knee replacements.

FOOT AND ANKLE

- Studies on the management of trauma of the foot and ankle and lower limb, ankle arthroscopy and ankle replacement.

TRAUMA

- Clinical studies of tibial fracture management, and results of tibial nail use in tibial fracture.
- Hip fracture registry measuring the management of patients with these injuries.
- Establishment of an orthopaedic trauma registry database, recording all trauma cases prospectively.

COVID-19

- Studies of impact of COVID19 on orthopaedic trauma practise.

BASIC SCIENCE

- Biomechanical studies of kangaroo tendon properties for use as a xenograft for reconstruction of human ligaments.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Developing Artificial Intelligence Algorithm for surgical planning of total knee replacement



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OTOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

Head of Department: Martin Forer



RESEARCH SUPERVISION (2018-2020)

Leo Pang

- SMP MD research x3



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Paediatric and General ENT Surgery Database

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- Endoscopic Management of Middle Ear Paraganglioma: An Australian Series. N. Patel, Cohort study
- Endoscopic Management of Advanced Congenital Cholesteatoma. N. Patel, Cohort study
- Improvement in Endoscopic Ear Surgery Skills with Simulator Practice. N. Jufas, Cohort study

LINKS TO TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERS OR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS

- University of Sydney, Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Endoscopic Management of ear lesions
- Endolymphatic Sac Tumour Removal
- Assessment of ENT Instruction videos.
- Environmental exposures and otitis media among Australian children
- Improvement in Endoscopic Ear Surgery Skills with Simulator Practice
- Endoscopic Anatomy of the Eustachian Tube and the Carotid Artery
- Assessment of Outcome in Idiopathic Subglottic Stenosis (Multicentre study)
- The short and long-term swallowing results of surgery for pharyngeal pouch – questionnaire based study
- Environmental exposures and otitis media among Australian children
- Projects on oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma
- Quality of life after treatment for laryngeal SC
- Minor salivary gland malignancies
- Regional recurrence of Head and Neck mucosal SCC



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2050313X18791428 PMID:30116527 Surgical staff: **Nirmal Patel**

UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY

Head of Department: Garrett Smith



RESEARCH SUPERVISION (2018-2020)

Garett Smith

- SMP MD research x1
- Master of Surgery x1

Thomas Hugh

- University of Sydney Supervision of Higher degree research course completed
- PhD x4
- Master of Philosophy (Medicine) x 1
- Master of Surgery x1
- Master of Biostatistics x1
- SMP MD research x2

Jaswinder Samra

- SMP MD x3 (co-supervisor)
- Master of Philosophy x1 (co-supervisor)
- PhD x1 (co-supervisor)

Anubhav Mittal

- SMP MD x3 (supervisor)
- Honours x1 (supervisor)
- Master of Philosophy x2 (one supervisor and co-supervisor)
- PhD x1 (co-supervisor)



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Prospective Upper GI total practice clinical database (2011-2020)
- Oesophago-Gastric cancer database (2001–2020)
- Bariatric clinical database (2000–2020)
- Paraoesophageal hernia and Fundoplication database (2001-2020)
- Prospective liver resection database (1998–2020)
- Prospective laparoscopic cholecystectomy database (1998–2020)
- Prospective pancreatic resection database (2011-2020)

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- 2019/ETH12206: Improving care in patients with liver and biliary tumours –tissue and data banking and low risk observational studies in patients with hepato-biliary tumours
- 2019/ETH08462: Microenvironmental biomarkers in primary and metastatic colorectal cancer
- 2019/ETH00061: Evaluating long-term patient outcomes and evidence in hernia repair
- 2019/ETH10589: Survival after resection of gallbladder carcinoma— external validation of a prognostic nomogram based on clinical and histopathological characteristics
- 2018 RESP/16/76: Improving care in patients with pancreatic tumours –tissue and data banking, and low/negligible risk observational studies in patients with pancreatic tumours.

LINKS TO TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERS OR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS

- University of Sydney, Discipline of Surgery
- The Bowel Cancer and Biomarker Laboratory, Kolling Institute
- CanSur foundation, Kolling Institute
- All upper GI tumours resected at RNSH and NSPH including sera (2001-2020) – stored in the Kolling Institute tumour bio-bank



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

OESOPHAGOGASTRIC CANCER

- Outcomes following benign foregut surgery including quality of life assessment
- Outcomes following oesophago-gastric cancer surgery
- Characterising the laparoscopic bypass learning curve in an Australian context (cohort study)
- The impact of age on the management and outcome of patients undergoing resection for oesophageal and gastric cancer (cohort study)
- Cohort study on whether neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy increases post-operative complications following oesophagectomy.
- Incidence and hospital health care costs of cervical anastomotic leaks in oesophagectomy patients (cohort study)
- Long term quality of life and nutritional outcomes study following oesophagectomy
- Cohort study into whether surgical approach (Ivor Lewis vs. Three stage) impact post-operative complications following an oesophagectomy

HEPATOBIILIARY SURGERY AND HERNIA

- A retrospective analysis of long term outcomes using biological agents (bevacizumab and cetuximab) in patients who have undergone resection of colorectal liver metastases.
- Patterns of tumour recurrence after curative liver resection for colorectal metastases
- Long term outcomes following radical resection of gallbladder carcinoma
- Regional treatment options for neuroendocrine liver metastases
- Prognostic significance of the stromal micro-environment in colorectal in primary and secondary colorectal cancer
- Economic cost of treatment of colorectal liver metastases
- Variation in clinical practice related to hernia surgery
- Predictors of bile leak after liver resection: a single institution analysis of 20 years of consecutive hepatectomies (cohort study)
- Gallbladder carcinoma – patterns in presentation, treatment, survival and disease recurrence over a 20-year period in a large tertiary Australian hospital
- The prognostic significance of tumour FXYD-3 expression in patients with primary and secondary colorectal cancers (cohort study)

PANCREATIC SURGERY

- Review of pancreatitis related to percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography at the Northern Campus
- Benchmarking in pancreatic surgery to compare the Northern Campus outcomes against published studies
- Management of acute cholecystitis in patients with biliary stenting during neoadjuvant therapy in patients with pancreatic adenocarcinoma (cohort study)
- Serum biomarkers in pancreatic cancer (several cohort studies)
- Gene expression analysis of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinomas (PDAC) to identify surrogate markers for molecular phenotypes of PDAC
- Urinary metabolomic biomarkers for PDAC.
- Stage IV PDAC resections – study of prognosis and survival
- Drain Fluid analysis to identify biomarkers for the development of pancreatic fistula in PDAC patients

- The role and indication for staging laparoscopy in pancreatic cancers
- Association between NAC and portal vein resections in PDAC
- Proteomic analysis of surgically resected PDAC tumours to compare response to Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy
- Plasma proteomic analysis to identify prognostic and diagnostic biomarkers for PDAC



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2020

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UROLOGICAL SURGERY

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DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- Stent dwell time and urinary tract infections
- Consent for stents: video vs verbal – Nepean Hospital



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Female reconstruction patient incision preference - *ethics application submitted*
- Frailty as a predictor of failed trial of void post TURP - *ethics application submitted*
- Recurrent Urinary Tract Infection guidelines - *ethics application submitted*
- Laser (Evolve) prostatectomy
- Preop predictors of laparoscopic pyeloplasty outcomes
- Female reconstruction patient incision preference
- Microdox for recurrent urinary tract infections in patients with spinal cord injuries AN/AC met with stats “random control non-comparative” 2:1, 2=77 (12% to 4%), AC confirmed industry support verbally, AN fwd AC
- Neuropathic sacral nerve modulation in patients with spinal cord injuries
- Indocid suppository at beginning better than end of ureteroscopy and laser
- Bulking agent PPI post sling procedure
- Penile sarcoma – a case review and literature review



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RESEARCH SUPERVISION (2018-2020)

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- Master of Surgery x1 (Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Project)

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- Master of Surgery x1 (Associate Supervisor)



DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

CLINICAL DATABASES TO SUPPORT OUTCOMES RESEARCH

- Registry of Endologix AFX stent-graft for the treatment of Aorto-Iliac Arterial Disease
- BCLEAR: Type B Aortic Syndrome Database
- Determining the fate of the distal aorta after Type A aortic dissection repair.
- Infra-inguinal directional atherectomy database
- Zilver PTX stent database The ANCHOR Registry (Aneurysm Treatment Aptus™ Heli-FX™ EndoAnchor)
- Australasian Vascular Audit (AVA)

CURRENT NSLHD HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION (HREA) APPROVALS

- Registry of Endologix AFX stent-graft for the treatment of Aorto-Iliac Arterial Disease. HREA approved, awaiting governance approval.
- Infra-inguinal directional atherectomy: A single site retrospective analysis – HREA approved.
- Determining the fate of the distal aorta after Type A aortic dissection repair.

LINKS TO TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERS OR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS

- University of Sydney, Discipline of Surgery
- Department of Cardiology (Gemma Figtree and Ravi Bhindi)
- Department of Renal Medicine (Carol Pollack and Stella McGinn)
- Department of Microbiology (Bernie Hudson)



CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Registry of Endologix AFX stent-graft for the treatment of Aorto-Iliac Arterial Disease
- BCLEAR: Type B Aortic Syndrome Database
- Determining the fate of the distal aorta after Type A aortic dissection repair.
- Clinical trial testing the Prevena surgical incision management system (IMPART–TRIAL) in renal transplant patients
 - Multicentre RCT involving Health Partners RPA and Westmead Hospitals
 - RNSH is the lead site and in-charge of the project
- Comparison trials of two vascular closure devices - FemoSeal™ vs StarClose™
- Mortality study of Paclitaxel use at North Shore Hospital Campus
- Study of multiple renal artery use in transplant patients

- Study of duplex ultrasound in the treatment of renal transplant patients
- Analysis of infra-inguinal directional atherectomy
 - Multi year study assessing the HawkOne DA system in infra-inguinal occlusive disease
- ANCHOR Registry (Aneurysm Treatment Aptus™ Heli-FX™ EndoAnchor) - 5 Year study
- The LIFE-BTK Randomized Controlled Trial (A pre-market evaluation of the ESPRIT BTK Everolimus Eluting Bioresorbable Scaffold System for treatment of narrowed infrapopliteal lesions in patients with arterial narrowing in infrapopliteal lesions causing Critical Limb Ischemia)
- BIOTRONIK 4French for AMBulatory peripheral intervention. A multicentre, controlled trial comparing 4French versus 6French femoral access for endovascular treatment of lower-extremity peripheral artery disease in an ambulatory setting: BIO4AMB. Completed recruitment waiting study closure.
- BIOTRONIK: First-in-Human assessment of the Safety and Clinical Performance of Sirolimus Derivative-Coated Balloon (Bright DCB) in the Treatment of Subjects with de Novo Lesions in the Superficial Femoral and Proximal Popliteal Artery.
- First in Man study: A Prospective, Multi-Centre, Single-Arm, Feasibility Study to Assess the Safety and Performance With the SUNDANCETM Drug Coated Balloon for the Treatment of De Novo or Restenotic Lesions in Infra-Popliteal Arteries. "SWING Study"

COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH CARDIOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP

- Dr Paul Bonnitcha: Assessment of Carotid Atherosclerotic plaques with FMISO-PET Scans (CatPET study)
- Dr Gemma Figtree: STimulating Adrenergic Receptors to improve clinical outcomes in patients with Peripheral Arterial Disease STAR-PAD trial



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