OUTCOME:

Members will use their own AOANJRR data in accordance with this policy.

BACKGROUND:

Surgeons can access AOANJRR data in four ways:

1. Publicly available data: AOANJRR Annual Report, Supplementary Reports and Investigations of Prostheses with Higher Than Anticipated Rates of Revision.

2. Web Based Surgeon Portal Procedure data: The portal provides access to real time reporting of personal data in relation to procedure number and types as well as personal outcome data.

3. Ad Hoc Reports: Surgeons have the capacity to request detailed individualised reports on their own procedures or any other areas of interest.

4. Individualised Surgeon Reports: Individualised downloadable reports in pdf format are also available via the Web Based Surgeon Portal

DEFINITIONS:

- AOA - Australian Orthopaedic Association
- AOANJRR - Australian Orthopaedic Association National Joint Replacement Registry
- SAHMRI - South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute
- Ad Hoc Report - An individualised data report provided on request

POLICY

This policy covers Individual surgeon use of any and all data produced by the AOANJRR, whether publicly available (ie published), provided via secure electronic portal, or provided on request to an individual.

STRATEGIES:

1. Publicly available data
2. Web based surgeon portal data
3. Individualised surgeon reports
4. Ad Hoc data requests
5. Misuse of AOANJRR Provided Data - Notification process
1. Publicly Available Data
1.1 Data published by the AOANJRR is copyright protected. Data published by the AOANJRR provides the community with highly accurate independently analysed data.

1.1.1 Tables and figures must be reproduced in full and unaltered from the AOANJRR publication, any deviation from this, such as use of an extract from a table, must be pre-approved by the AOANJRR.

1.1.2 Only data from the most recently available AOANJRR publications are to be used (unless referring to historical publication).

1.1.3 AOANJRR data must be appropriately referenced as per the example provided below.

1.1.4 Data that is reproduced must be relevant.

1.2 Reproducing published AOANJRR material:

1.2.1 Tables and Figures must include the original AOANJRR description and table/figure number, and referenced to the AOANJRR source (subject to formatting requirements). For example:

1.2.2 Fig.1: Cumulative percent revision of primary total conventional hip replacement by type of polyethylene (primary diagnosis OA). (Figure HT24, AOANJRR 2017).

1.2.3 Data from Annual and Supplementary reports must be attributed to the AOANJRR as an in-text citation with the full reference provided in the reference list (subject to formatting requirements). For example:

1.2.4 “….shows the significant reduction in revision rates when using cross-linked polyethylene when compared to non-cross-linked polyethylene (AOANJRR 2017).”

1.3 Referencing AOANJRR Annual Reports:

2. Web Based Surgeon Portal Data
2.1 Web Based Surgeon Portal data is available for use by the surgeon to monitor their own performance.

2.1.1 This data belongs to the individual surgeon. Surgeons can, at their own discretion make this data available to others of their own choosing.

2.1.2 Surgeons can make this data available publicly available at their own discretion.

2.1.3 If a surgeon chooses to make data from the Web Based Surgeon Portal publicly available it should be referenced appropriately including the date it was accessed.

2.2 Referencing Web Based Surgeon Portal data:
Australian Orthopaedic Association National Joint Replacement Registry (AOANJRR), <Surgeon Name> AOANJRR Web Based Surgeon Portal, dd/mm/yyyy, AOA, Adelaide.
3. Individualised Surgeon Reports
3.1 Individualised downloadable reports in pdf format are provided annually to surgeons via the Web Based Surgeon Portal data for use by the surgeon to monitor their own performance.
3.2 This data belongs to the individual surgeon.
3.3 Surgeons can, at their own discretion, make this data available to others of their own choosing.
3.4 Surgeons can make this data available publicly at their own discretion, when doing so, surgeons should be mindful that:
   3.4.1 Tables and figures must be reproduced in full and unaltered from the Individual Surgeon Report.
   3.4.2 Only data from the most recently available Individual Report are to be used (unless referring to a historical report)
   3.4.3 Data that is reproduced must be relevant.
   3.4.4 Data should not be used to denigrate or compare to other individual surgeon’s data.
   3.4.5 The AOA will accept and formally review notifications where a surgeon is reported as having misused or misrepresented personal data.
   3.4.6 The data must be appropriately referenced as per the example provided below.
3.5 Referencing Individual Surgeon Report from the Surgeon Portal:

4. Ad Hoc Data Requests
4.1 Surgeons may use Ad Hoc Reports containing data on their own procedures in the preparation of presentations or manuscripts for publication at their own discretion. There is no requirement for the AOANJRR be involved in the preparation or publication of the manuscript.
4.2 Surgeons using Ad Hoc Reports containing data based on analysis of the entire AOANJRR data or a subset of that data must involve the AOANJRR in the preparation and publication of the manuscript as per the Authorship and Publication Policy.
4.3 Surgeons may use Ad Hoc Report data containing data from either their own procedures or the AOANJRR dataset within quality assurance and education environments as appropriate.
4.4 Surgeons using data from an Ad Hoc Report based on their own procedures who choose to use this data in a public forum for promotional purposes ie on their own website should reference the report as per the following example:
4.5 Referencing Individual Surgeon data from an Ad Hoc report:

5. Misuse of AOANJRR Provided Data - Notification Process
5.1 The AOA will accept and formally review notifications where a surgeon is reported as having misused AOANJRR provided data.

5.2 The AOA may consult with the AOANJRR for clarification or discussion on receipt of a complaint.

5.3 If the AOA determines that a surgeon has misused AOANJRR data by not adhering to the above conditions, the AOA Board will determine if any action is required.

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PERFORMANCE INDICATOR/S

Number of complaints
Number of breaches of policy