

# Expression of Interest

## AUSTRALASIAN PELVIC FLOOR PROCEDURE REGISTRY (APFPR) RESEARCH AND DATA SHARING SUB-COMMITTEE

### The Australasian Pelvic Floor Procedure Registry (APFPR)

The **APFPR is a clinical quality registry which monitors and reports on the quality and safety of pelvic floor procedures (PFPs)**, performed with or without mesh, in the treatment of stress urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse. **The primary aims of the registry are to support safe, high-quality healthcare and to support consumer decision-making around the management of PFPs.** The APFPR has approval to collect data from >50 hospitals Australia-wide, has a well-established database and quality indicator set, and is governed by a Steering Committee which has representation from all key stakeholders, including urogynaecology, urology and gynaecology craft groups, consumers, Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), and the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC); in addition to a Clinical Advisory Committee (CAC) which guides the clinical aspects of the dataset. It is managed by Monash University and is financially supported by DoHaC's National CQR Program.

### The APFPR Research and Data Sharing (RaDS) Sub-Committee

The new RaDS Sub-Committee will report to the Steering Committee, and serve to ensure that APFPR data are used to support research and other registry output that is of the **highest quality, is clinically and statistically sound**, and has the **greatest potential for real-world impact on patient safety and quality of care.**

The RaDS will, through at least three meetings per year:

- (i) Review, consider, approve or recommend revisions to all applications for APFPR data by third parties including participating hospitals, health services and clinicians requesting data that is not from their own site/service/individual; and
- (ii) provide input into analyses performed by Monash University as part of a request by a third party for APFPR data (e.g., an industry request) before these analyses are shared externally.

A sessional rate of remuneration will be provided to all members. Members will be required to complete a Conflict of Interest form, and sign a Confidentiality Declaration to be instated.

### **Membership:**

Existing APFPR Clinical Advisory Committee members will be invited to participate in the RaDS Sub-Committee. Additional clinicians are invited to submit an expression of interest for the RaDS Sub-Committee, should they fulfil the following criteria:

### **Selection criteria:**

- (i) Consultant in urogynaecology, urology and gynaecology surgery, with a clinical interest in pelvic floor procedures;
- (ii) A demonstrated track record of relevant research experience; and
- (iii) Current participation (i.e., contribution of patient data) in the APFPR.

To respond to this Expression of Interest (Eoi) please provide a **brief cover letter and CV** to [apfpr@monash.edu](mailto:apfpr@monash.edu) by **24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. For more information, please email [apfpr@monash.edu](mailto:apfpr@monash.edu) or call (03) 9903 0213.

Thank you for your interest in the APFPR.



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