

Priority Project Reports

Colorectal

1. **Project Title:** Minimum dataset for pathology reporting of colorectal cancers

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3. Project Description

NSWOG Colorectal, in collaboration with the Colorectal Cancer Research Consortium, has established a colorectal cancer dataset, which is additional to the dataset collected by the cancer registries. The dataset is to be collected by the NSWOG Colorectal Field Officer (Diane Schipp) in the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service (SESIAHS).

4. Deliverables as detailed in project contract

- Development of data dictionary for minimal dataset.
- Development of database for data collection.
- Approval from local HRECs for data collection.
- Appointment of a field officer for data collection.
- Collection, collation, analyses and reporting of data.

5. Description of activities undertaken

- Collection of dataset within the SESIAHS for one year.
- HREC approval at SVH, POW, STG and Illawarra Hospitals.
- Appointment of a field officer – Ms Diane Schipp.
- Data acquisition at sites:

- Central cancer registry, pathology reports, medical records and collaboration with ClinCR managers.
- Data collection from March 2007–2008.

6. Project outcome(s)

j. Did the project complete all the deliverables listed in the contract

Yes No

k. Please describe any other outcomes (if any) that the project has contributed to achieving

- The collection of data items that will be useful in informing clinical indicators for colorectal cancer.
- Highlighting of the importance of specific histopathological data items that are essential for the reporting of rectal cancers.

l. What do you believe will be the ongoing benefits of this project?

Overall the project will be able to assess the ability of data that has been written at a personal level, to be collected and used in population level data analyses. Identification of data items that are able to be collected and inform ongoing and future practice (such as the assessment of proposed clinical indicators) are a benefit of the project. The project also allows for identification of areas in which the richness of the data is lost in the translation from personal to population level analysis, so that those areas may be targeted for improvement in the future.

7. Please list any presentations, abstracts, papers or reports that have been submitted upon the work of this project.

Monthly reporting to the CCIM SESIAHS
Quarterly reporting to NSWOG Colorectal