

Thoracic Stent Database Newsletter

Time to let you know what has been happening with the database.

New Form

We now have a new improved form courtesy of months of work by Isabel Wright and Tim Buckenham. Thanks to those of you who commented. The new form includes a section for hybrids which will make it easier for those cases to be included. We have attached a copy of the form for you to this newsletter. Once you have successfully downloaded the electronic copy of the new form, please destroy your electronic copy of the old one.

Audits

We are still in the process of auditing each contributing centre to try and make sure that we have 100% data capture. The reason for this is to ensure complete data capture and as you all know, the data that is submitted close to the time of the case is more accurate than data that is retrospectively gathered. We had great results from Auckland and Waikato Hospitals audit and we are in the process of auditing Wellington.

Publications

Chris Day and Tim Buckenham, on behalf of the NZTAS collaborators, have had two papers accepted for publication in the European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. All contributors to the database are acknowledged in the references section. They are; 'Endovascular repair of the thoracic aorta: Predictors of mortality in patients on the New Zealand Thoracic Aortic Stent Database (NZ TAS)' and 'Outcomes of endovascular repair of acute thoracic aortic injury: Interrogation of the New Zealand thoracic aortic stent database (NZ TAS)'. These papers are both available to view on the Vascular Society website. A third paper is in the pipeline relating to occlusion of the LSCA during stenting.

Database Submissions

We have now entered our 165th case which is a great effort. Please continue to forward them to sarahsg.cdhb.govt.nz or at the address below.

Vascular Society Website

Newsletters and Vascular Society publications are now available on the Vascular Society website. The address is vsnz.org

Funding

The database is funded through the Stent companies at the rate of a one-off \$300 payment per case (not per stent). This money is used to pay the Database Coordinator and for other expenses involved with the database eg Datasheet Design. A breakdown of costs is given below.

Month	Deposit	Expenses	Coordinator Payment	Balance
June	\$600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$600.00
July	\$2100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$2700.00
Aug	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2700.00
Sept	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2700.00
Oct	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2700.00
Nov	\$1500.00	\$3.00	\$2100.00	\$2097.00
Dec	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2097.00
Jan	\$2400.00	\$ -	\$1025.00	\$3472.00
Feb	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$3472.00
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$3472.00
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$3472.00
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$1050.00	\$2422.00
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2422.00
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2422.00
August	\$3600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$6022.00
September	\$ -	\$ -	\$2050.00	\$3972.00

Thanks again for your cooperation with this project. I look forward to hearing from you with your cases in the near future.

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