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Dear Dr Johnson

Australian Clinical Quality Registries

Research Australia is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the proposed operating standards and guidelines for clinical quality registries.

Clinical quality registries are an important part of improving the standard of health care in Australia. The current inconsistency in data and information standards is a concern and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care's work on operating and technical guidelines is valuable.

Research Australia has supported the use of these standards once they have been developed in its submission to the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission. Recommendation 9 states "Promote the use of clinical quality registry standards being developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care."

While Research Australia is not in a position to comment on the technical specifications proposed, we support this initiative.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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