

Clinical Quality Registries (CQRs) – 2026 Prioritised List

Key message

The 2026 prioritised list of 75 diseases provides a nationally consistent, evidence-based decision-tool to guide the development, investment, and sustainability of CQRs, to improve patient outcomes and health system care delivery.

Background

Australia's clinical registry landscape has expanded significantly since the first national prioritisation of clinical domains in 2016.

Key developments include:

- More than **140 clinical registries** now operating nationally or across jurisdictions
- Changes in **disease burden and population health needs**
- Growth in **health system expenditure**
- Evolving **models of care delivery**

This growth has led to the need for an updated, nationally consistent approach to prioritising future CQR development.

Purpose of the 2026 Prioritised List

The 2026 prioritised domains provide an evidence-based decision-making tool to guide:

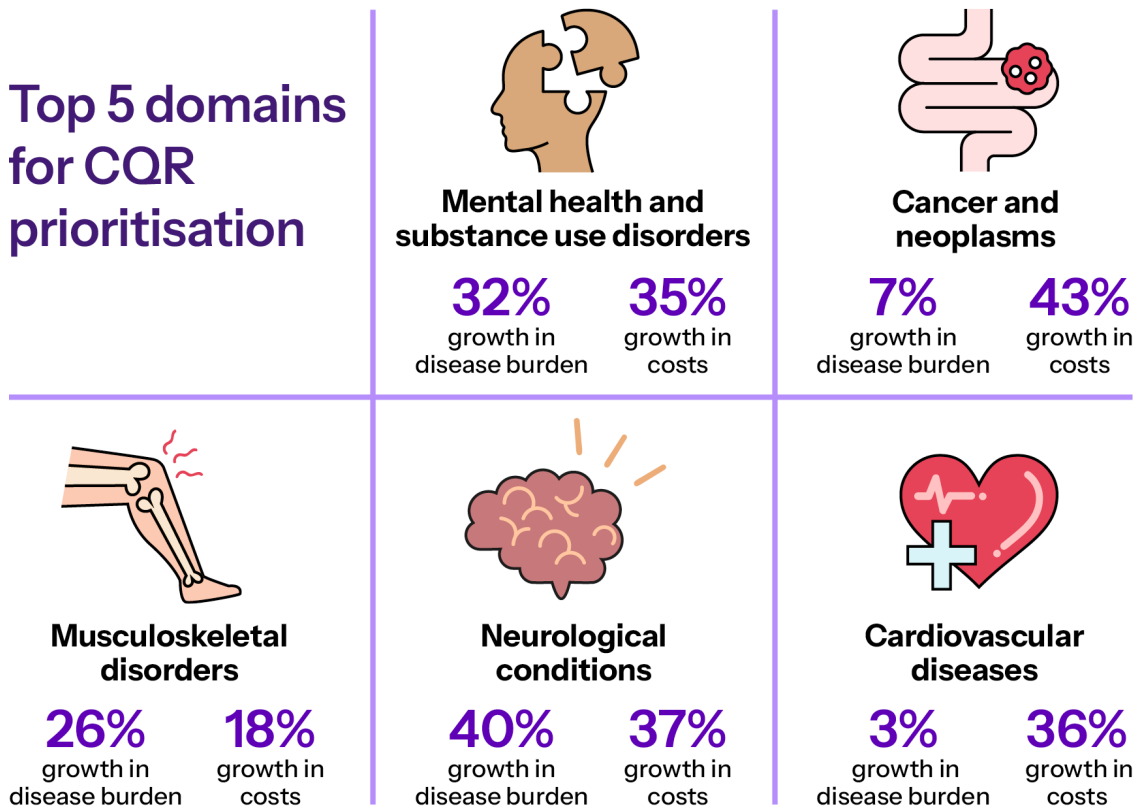
- Investment in new and existing registries
- Strategic development of CQRs
- Long-term sustainability planning

The prioritised list advances the vision of the [2024 Australian Framework for National Clinical Quality Registries](#) of integrating CQRs into a learning health system, where data and feedback support clinicians and health services to deliver [high-quality care](#).

Top priority clinical domains for 2026

The following domains have been identified as the highest priorities for CQR investment¹

Top 5 domains for CQR prioritisation



Emerging Opportunities

In addition to disease-specific priorities, the 2026 update highlights opportunities to expand CQR approaches through **cross-cutting registry models**:

- Intervention-based registries
- Care pathway-based registries

These approaches can:

- Capture **whole patient journeys across settings of care**
- Support **integrated, system-wide quality improvement**
- Provide more comprehensive insights into outcomes and service delivery

For more information

Please visit: safetyandquality.gov.au/data-and-measurement/clinical-quality-registries

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¹ Disease burden growth calculated from 2015-2024, cost growth from 2015-16 to 2022-23