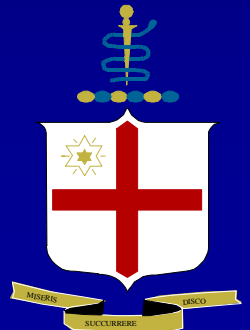
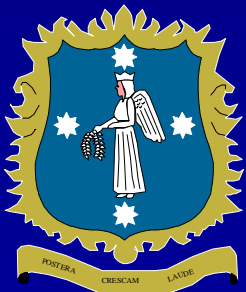


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What did we learn?

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Outline

- Why did we try?
- What did we do?
- What worked?
- What didn't work?
- What did we learn?
- Would we do it again???????

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Why did we try?

- We have never had good data
- Key clinicians supported the idea
 - Statewide KPIs
 - RACS audit
 - Research
 - ?Service improvement
- BSEP provided money
- Sheila provided the drive

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What did we do?

- Borrowed ideas from other services
 - Special thanks to St Vincents
- Aimed to minimize data duplication
 - Combined datasheet/medical record
- Meetings to draft datasheets, then..
 - Made executive decisions
- Took the plunge!

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What worked?

- Intuitive initial history / datasheet
- Surgery & path sheet based on RACS audit
- Database team moved project forward
- GP letter generation from database

Most importantly:

- Dedicated data manager

What didn't work?

- Efforts to collect detailed data on systemic therapy
- Electronic collection of psychosocial data
- Direct use of information for service improvement

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What did we learn?

- Data collection is difficult
- Suitable data manager is critical
- A clinical champion is essential

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Would we do it again???????

Probably

- As long as we:
 - Had/could get the clinical team onside
 - Had financial and executive support
- And we would:
 - plan output better
 - keep it simple