

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFER SYSTEMS – SAVING LIVES project has seen an expansion of the project's collaborative aspects — broadly at a national level, right down to individual hospital wards. Gaining and maintaining support is vital to the project's success.

We appreciate the effort from staff at participating hospitals and would like to hear stories of successes or challenges with the possibility of sharing them with the SSSL community.

If you would like to share your SSSL experiences or if you know of an unsung heroine or hero, contact

Feedback

The SSSL project team is always keen to improve how the project is managed. Feedback is a valuable tool in the evaluation of the project.

A short survey is available on the SSSL website to provide a quick and easy way to give your opinions on the project.

Intervention Updates

As the project progresses documentation may require updating. To make sure participants receive new information or the revised version of a current document, the project team has prepared a straightforward process for disseminating documents. The process is outlined in diagram 1: SSSL Publishing Process.

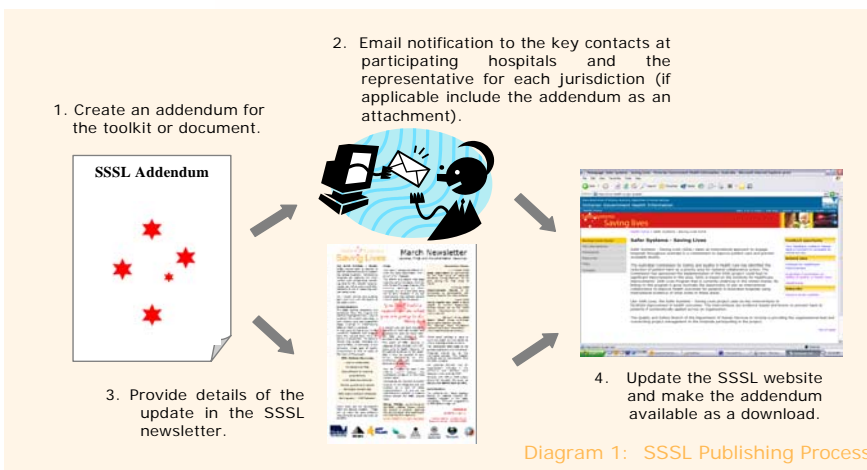
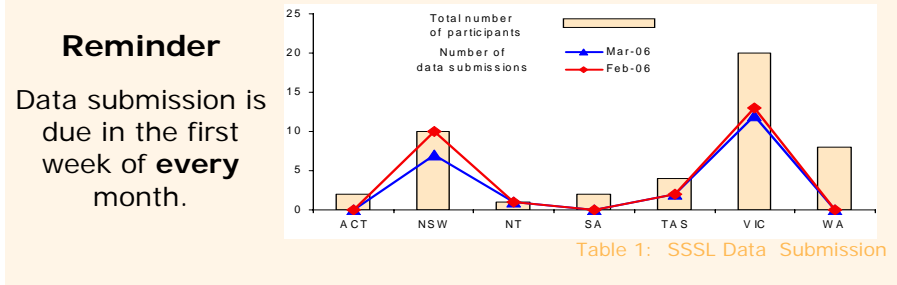


Diagram 1: SSSL Publishing Process



An invasion?

There are reports of hospitals participating in SSSL suddenly becoming overrun by chocolate frogs. In most cases, diligent project staff have managed to eradicate the frogs. There have been frog sightings in New South Wales, Victoria, Northern Territory and Tasmania. It appears only hospitals who have not submitted data have escaped invasion, refer to table 1, for a summary of frog data submission.

'They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.'
Andy Warhol

Knox makes it stamp on the project

The motto at Knox Private Hospital in Victoria is 'keep it simple – but effective' and with a few simple ideas they are streamlining the implementation of SSSL. Cathie Spiker, SSSL project manager at Knox has created stamps and charts to capture compliance to the data measures. Medical consultants are required to tick each component on progress notes and whenever a 'No' is recorded an explanation is requested in the notes. Cathie says the system has been well received as it is quick and easy for everyone involved. If you would like to know more about these ideas please phone Cathie at Knox Hospital on 0418 569 436.

Data Confidentiality

The data reporting strategy incorporates processes to ensure confidentiality for the data from participating hospitals. After a small hiccup the process is now running smoothly.

We Have Moved!

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