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To All Readers,

SCIDUA Annual Report 2020

In Australia patients having operative procedures that require anaesthesia should be reassured that they are receiving care from highly educated and trained individuals with an outstanding safety record.

One of the main components in maintaining safety in practice is adverse event analysis. SCIDUA was created to serve this purpose. This year's reports marks 60 years of service for SCIDUA to the Anaesthetic Community.

The evolution of reports in that time has been remarkable. We have gone from reporting solely raw data to now including actual cases for Anaesthetists to learn from. Clinicians learn much more from clinical examples, so I have tried to include enough information so readers can actually imagine themselves in the room as the events are unfolding. I want readers to ask themselves how they would respond if they were in that position, and more importantly what could they have done to avoid being in that position at all.

SCIDUA is the longest serving committee of its type anywhere in the world and this report, once again, highlights the important role its serves to the NSW Health system and the public.

I am incredibly grateful to all the anaesthetists in NSW who report their cases, in both public and private hospitals. Without your dedication to quality improvement, reports like these would not be possible and lives would be unnecessarily lost.

I hope all readers find this report to be a valuable educational resource.

Your sincerely,



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*Consent was obtained from all anaesthetists to use details from their cases in this publication.