

Clinical : Women's Health
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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request dated 27 February 2019. You requested the following information:

- **Please provide information showing the number of procedures performed at Counties Manukau district health board in 2018 involving surgical mesh.**
- **Please provide a breakdown showing what these procedures were for (i.e implantation for SUI, removal, partial removal etc. Please note the 'categories' listed are examples, and provided to assist in understanding with the nature of this request. They are not absolute nor exhaustive).**
- **Please provide the same information for 2019, and the 9 prior years to 2018 (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009).**
- **If you are unable to provide the information, please explain why.**

We have derived the information provided for you from our Health Intelligence Informatics System CostPro.

There are strict guidelines around identifying and coding mesh procedures set by the Ministry of Health which ensure the codes are edited (by coders) as to whether or not a mesh was used. There is a rigid monitoring and reporting process of these mesh events, coordinated by MOH, to all coding units throughout NZ.

At Counties Manukau Health, we have a process in place for capturing these events, which includes editing the procedures to the exact name/type of the mesh, including "no mesh" for those without. This process is compliant with the requirements of MOH and assists with their reporting. Text editing has been an on-going process since late 2017, with the process improving through to November 2018 and currently.

The identification of whether the mesh is inserted or removed is not captured as rigorously.

Attached is the data for Mesh Procedures at Counties Manukau Health 2018 and 2019 YTD. We have not been able to provide data prior to these dates as data set for previous years was not as accurately recorded.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Apa', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive

Health Intelligence and Informatics

Mesh Procedures at Counties Manukau Health 2018 and 2019 YTD

Date Range Discharges between 01.01.2018 and 31.01.2019

Data Source CostPro

Data Qualifications

All patients with surgical procedures involving Mesh

Process:

Year	Clinical Division	Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Removal	Insertion	Total
2018	Surgical Services	3040501	Repair of incisional hernia with prosthesis		30	30
		3061402	Repair of inguinal hernia, unilateral		89	89
		3061500	Repair of incarcerated, obstructed or strangulated hernia		26	26
		3061700	Repair of umbilical hernia		108	108
		3060902	Laparoscopic repair of inguinal hernia, unilateral		76	76
		3061701	Repair of epigastric hernia		9	9
		9032900	Other repair of abdomen		4	4
		3056302	Repair of parastomal hernia		1	1
		3061400	Repair of femoral hernia, unilateral		2	2
		3061403	Repair of inguinal hernia, bilateral		3	3
		3040504	Repair of other abdominal wall hernia with prosthesis		11	11
		9095200	Incision of abdominal wall	1	2	3
		9033100	Other procedures on abdomen, peritoneum or omentum		2	2
		3056303	Repair of parastomal hernia with resiting of stoma		1	1
		3040305	Repair of abdominal wall following procurement of myocutaneous flap		2	2
		3060903	Laparoscopic repair of inguinal hernia, bilateral		15	15
		3060100	Repair of diaphragmatic hernia, abdominal approach		1	1
		4383702	Repair of diaphragmatic hernia with use of body wall flap or insertion of prosthetic patch		1	1
		9031000	Other procedures on large intestine		1	1
		3203900	Abdominoperineal proctectomy		1	1
2018	Gynaecology	3559900	Sling procedure for stress incontinence, female		19	19
		3559701	Sacral colpopexy		7	7
2018 Total				3	411	412
2019	Surgical Services	3040501	Repair of incisional hernia with prosthesis		2	2
		3061402	Repair of inguinal hernia, unilateral		14	14
		3061500	Repair of incarcerated, obstructed or strangulated hernia		1	1
		3061700	Repair of umbilical hernia		6	6
		3060902	Laparoscopic repair of inguinal hernia, unilateral		5	5
		3061701	Repair of epigastric hernia		1	1
		3061400	Repair of femoral hernia, unilateral		1	1
		3040504	Repair of other abdominal wall hernia with prosthesis		1	1
3060903	Laparoscopic repair of inguinal hernia, bilateral		2	2		
2019 Total					33	33
Total				3	444	445

