

# Dental Implant Registry (DIR)

## Patient Information Sheet



### Introduction and Purpose of the Dental Implant Registry (DIR)

Dental implants are a form of medical device used by dentists to replace missing teeth.

The DIR is a dental implant device registry which collects information (via an online application) regarding dental implant procedures.

The aim of the DIR is to use this information to:

- Provide patients and dentists secure access to implant details for future care or in case of device issues.
- Support research to improve patient outcomes by assessing implant devices and procedures.

### Your Involvement in the DIR and the information recorded

You will be informed about the DIR before your treatment and given the opportunity to opt out. Your dentist records your treatment details in the secure DIR system. You may withdraw at any time without affecting your care.

#### Information Collected

- Basic details (name, date of birth, address, country of residence, gender, postcode, phone, email, Medicare/NHI number).
- Treating party and procedure details (practitioner name and AHPRA number where applicable, date, location, implant device, relevant health information).

### What does participation in the DIR involve?

Participation in the DIR is voluntary and on an opt-out basis. Before your treatment you will be informed of the DIR and given this sheet. After your first procedure is recorded, the DIR will also send this sheet to you via email. Your dentist will enter your details unless you tell them or us not to. You may opt out at any time, before or after your information is entered. There is typically a 6–12 month gap between providing your information and its use in the study.

### Benefits of DIR

- You will have access to a patient portal to view details of your dental implant components and materials, supporting transparency and communication with your dentist/doctor.
- Your implant information can be shared with future treating dentists to minimise risks (such as implant damage, infection, or crown/bridge failure) and reduce unnecessary costs.
- DIR research improves implant safety and allows faster recalls.

### What are the possible risks?

The risk to patients is extremely low. Only de-identified data is used for research.

### Privacy

Your information is stored securely and protected under Australian and New Zealand privacy laws as applicable.

Identifiable data is only accessible to you, your dentist, and DIR staff. With ethics approval, we may securely link DIR data with approved national datasets (e.g., the National Death Index) to support long-term safety monitoring; only de-identified results are reported. For full details please refer DIR privacy policy [www.dentalimplantregistry.org.au/privacy-policy](http://www.dentalimplantregistry.org.au/privacy-policy)

### What to do if you do not want your details to be stored in the DIR?

If you do not want to be included, tell your dentist or contact us at [admin@dentalimplantregistry.org.au](mailto:admin@dentalimplantregistry.org.au) (or by post using the withdrawal form on our website). On withdrawal, we will remove your information from the registry database. Withdrawing your information will not affect your care.

### Is the DIR approved for research activities?

The research activities of the DIR abide by laws and regulations governing research involving human participants and privacy. The DIR's activities have been approved by a private Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) project number: 2023-04-385.

### Who to contact?

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