Australian National Diabetes Audit (ANDA) 2018

Q&A

1. What strategic outcomes will be achieved by the ANDA survey?

The activity is run by Monash Health and facilitated by the National Association of Diabetes Centres (NADC). The primary aim of ANDA is to provide benchmarking of clinical, self-management and care related outcomes among services providing care for people with diabetes.

The secondary aim is to provide an annual national snapshot of outcomes among people with diabetes across the different segments of the health care system.

Monitoring variation in healthcare is known to support best practice and improve quality of care. Clinical registries are increasingly recognised as credible, effective and feasible tools to measure variation and drive quality improvement at the national and jurisdictional health system levels.

1. What is different between ANDA-AQSMA and ANDA-AQCA

The ANDA – AQSMA (Australian Quality Self-Management Audit) is more focused on self-management, diabetes distress and depression and collects data related to diabetes education, self-care practices and quality of life.

ANDA- AQSMA is the audit that will be run in 2018.

The data fields have not changed since the last survey in 2016.

To see the pooled ANDA-AQSMA report for 2016, [click here](http://nadc.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/ANDA-AQSMA-2016-Final-Report-Dec.pdf).

To view the data collection forms for ANDA-AQSMA for 2018 [click here](http://nadc.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/ANDA-AQSMA-2016-Data-Collection-Form-v1.1.pdf).

ANDA-AQCA (Australian Quality Clinical Audit) is run every alternate year.

This audit focuses on clinical indicators known to reflect the care and outcomes of people with diabetes. The AQCA survey was conducted in 2017 and will be run again in 2019.

1. How is ANDA funded?

ADNA is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

The coordination of ANDA is overseen Professor Sophia Zoungas (at Monash University/Health) in collaboration with the NADC Secretariat.

1. Who can participate in ANDA?

Any health care services providing care to people with diabetes can participate.

In 2018, the Commonwealth Department of Health is keen to see increased participation from primary care and other community based services.

ANDA may be undertaken or facilitated by PHN’s, PCP’s, Health care networks or individual practices.

1. How can we become involved in ANDA?

If your organisation is interested in participating in ANDA 2018, an Expression of Interest Form (click here) will need to be completed and returned to the ANDA secretariat.

If further information is required please contact the ANDA secretariat at anda@nadc.net.au

1. When will we need to complete the survey?

Distribution of survey forms will occur in April 2018.

Data collection can commence in May or June for a period of four consecutive weeks.

Centres that are not able to collect data on 30 patients during a four week period can extend the data collection for a further period of 4 consecutive weeks.

1. What is the strategic benefit to any GP practices or primary care in getting involved?

Benchmarking and audit feedback provide opportunities for comparisons with peers and across the different elements of the health care system as well as identifying key areas for quality improvement among diabetes services.

ANDA is unique in that it allows this to happen across all levels of the health care system, is funded and endorsed by the Commonwealth Department of Health and includes collection of a minimal dataset consistent with international standards around health care indicators for diabetes.

1. What is the process involved in general practice engagement? Do you got people/companies experienced in data collection to support organisations who are responding?

We have been liaising with the PENCAT developers to provide primary care with tools to assist with data extraction.  We will also have a dedicated part-time project officer who can liaise with organisations and /or practices to assist with queries. Unfortunately, we don't have funding to disperse for data collection per se.

1. What about privacy issues?

As this is an audit activity, we only collect **de-identified** data and this is provided to the ANDA operational centre at Monash university by electronic secure file transfer methods or as **de-identified**paper forms that are scanned to a secure database.

Practices are allocated a site number (this remains confidential and is managed by the ANDA secretariat) so participating sites are also not identifiable in any pooled or individual site reports.

Any queries related to data are addressed directly by the practice/sites to maintain this level of security (i.e. around **no** release/acceptance of identifiable information).

1. Who has access to the data and if we are collecting practice patent data have you sought ethics approval where necessary?

Data is housed at Monash University at the ANDA operational centre in a secure data zone.  Sites can be provided with an extract of their own data for their own use on request.

It is our aim to make a completely de-identified pooled dataset available on request for research purposes (these requests are reviewed by an advisory committee) either by participating sites or other researchers.

Sites can also indicate if they **do not** want their data to be included in future research.

1. Do you have a form for practices to address an patient privacy/practice privacy issues ?

To date this has not been required because the data collection has been for quality improvement purposes only.  As such each site has been encouraged to seek local advice on ethical requirements/approvals.

1. Are these documents available to share with organisations BEFORE they respond?

Yes, they are provided to all sites after they express interest in participating.

1. Do you have a documentation on the protocol on when and how the audit questionnaire is to processed?

Yes, this information will be provided to each organisation.

If organisations / practices use the paper tele form CRF (the vast majority currently) we are able to scan and upload directly into the secure database.  We are in the process of developing a web based CRF this year to also assist sites. Although not guaranteed it is hoped that this will be up and running by May 2018.

1. Will CPD points be granted ?

Yes, CPD points can be arranged as requested.

Please email Professor Sophia Zoungas at anda@nadc.net.au for more information.

1. Can I see the ANDA-AQSMA reports from 2016

Yes you can access the pooled ANDA-AQSMA report for 2016, [click here](https://nadc.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e497cde66a4ecfabf300313e0&id=a7cc3b126a&e=f8951415c8).

To view the data collection form for ANDA-AQSMA in 2016 [click here](https://nadc.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e497cde66a4ecfabf300313e0&id=f3bff6b409&e=f8951415c8).

For information about previous ANDA audits, [click here](https://nadc.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e497cde66a4ecfabf300313e0&id=477e890379&e=f8951415c8).

1. Where can I find more information?

More information can be found at the NADC website – <http://nadc.net.au/anda/>