**Introducing the surgery and risk in New Zealand infographic   
and perioperative mortality explorer**

**Accessible transcript**

**Visual**

**Blue text on a white background reads: Introducing the surgery and risk in Aotearoa New Zealand infographic and perioperative mortality explorer. The Perioperative Mortality Review Committee logo appears at the bottom of the screen, which is made up of three interlocking circles in shades of blue and purple. The logo disappears and is replaced by half circles in varying shades of blue and purple, which reflect POMRC’s logo.**

**Visual**

**Dr Dick Ongley appears on screen. He is sitting in front of a cream-coloured wall with a painting behind him in shades of red. The blind covering the window is closed. He is wearing a light blue long sleeve shirt and has short brown hair.**

Audio

My name is Dick Ongley. I'm a specialist anaesthetist in Christchurch. I work in public and private health care. I've been a member of the Perioperative Mortality Review Committee for approximately five years and in the last year I've had the good fortune of taking over the role as chair. The Perioperative Mortality Review Committee, or POMRC, as we call it, is a group of health professionals and a consumer representative who come together approximately four times a year to look at what we call the national minimum dataset, which is information about people having surgery around New Zealand. We are looking for any signals which might suggest a change in the level of health care for surgery provided. At the end of the year, we produce an annual report discussing the safety of surgery in New Zealand and trying to highlight any areas of concern which we would then ask health providers to examine.

**Visual**

**Blue text on a white background reads: The Committee is changing the way it reports data about the safety of surgery in Aotearoa New Zealand, moving away from large annual reports to a consumer-friendly infographic format.**

Audio

What we wanted to do was create a website or a page where people from the public could go on and have a look at surgery, maybe even have a look at their potential surgery coming up and the safety of that surgery. We thought it was vital to also provide information to people so that they could have some links as to who they could go and talk to if they had any further questions. So that is what we term level one, or the infographic.

**Visual**

**Blue text on a white background reads ‘The perioperative mortality explorer is a new way of presenting information about surgery in Aotearoa New Zealand’.**

Audio

Level two is what we've termed the explorer. It's an interactive dashboard for health professionals and perhaps people involved in quality assurance and academics, to explore the data in their own time rather than relying on our previous annual reports. Hopefully it would highlight an area to them which they could then go and examine themselves.

**Visual**

**Blue text on a white background reads: Some of the data shows that Māori and Pacific peoples had higher rates of death after surgery than other ethnicities.**

Audio

So, I often get asked about what inequity is. So, the way I think about it is that all people are different. And what we're trying to do is make sure that everyone gets the same outcome from their surgery, the safest possible surgery. And so, we have to recognise that some groups need more resources, whether that be access to a GP, medications, a specialist surgeon. They might need more of a certain thing to get the same outcome. And so that is what we’re talking about when we're trying to improve inequity in surgery.

**Visual**

**Blue text on a white background reads: Automated surveillance will be added to the system.**

Audio

Level three is going to be an automated surveillance function, where there is — where the national minimum dataset is being constantly surveilled to see if there are any unusual changes in mortality. For example, more deaths than expected for a certain surgery or in a certain area. Our intention is that would be then notified to a group of health professionals who would start to look into what is happening in that area to determine if that really is occurring. And then we would act more quickly on that to create change in that area.

**Visual**

**The POMRC logo reappears on a white background. Beneath it is the URL** [**www.hqsc.govt.nz**](http://www.hqsc.govt.nz)**. Beneath that is the black Health Quality & Safety Commission logo (the Commission logo is made up of the words HEALTH QUALITY & SAFETY COMMISSION NEW ZEALAND in capital letters with the words Kupu Taurangi Hauora o Aotearoa in smaller italic text underneath alongside three wedges of Swiss cheese). Alongside it is the New Zealand Government logo (the NZ Government logo is made up of the coat of arms of New Zealand with the words Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa in bold letters with New Zealand Government written beneath).**