

# Queensland Audit of Surgical Mortality

## 2007–2015 Report Summary

### A QUICK SUMMARY FOR THOSE IN A HURRY

- ➔ **7,551** deaths reported to QASM (2007 to 2015).
  - ➔ **96.7%** of QASM surgical case forms have been completed.
  - ➔ **12%** of cases were sent for second-line assessment.
- ➔ **64.2%** of cases were 70 years or older.
  - ➔ **10.5%** of cases were 90 years or older.
- ➔ **10%** of cases had fluid balance problems.
  - ➔ **9%** of cases experienced a delay in diagnosis.
  - ➔ **9%** of cases had a serious preventable clinical incident.
- ➔ In **11%** of cases, QASM assessors considered that preoperative care could have been improved.
  - ➔ Emergency patients, compared with elective patients, had lower rates of preventable serious clinical incidents.

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