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Subject: Orthopaedic review FCHSD.

The report in the Courier Mail is noted about the AOA review report.
The report contains one inaccuracy and one (? deliberately) misleading paragraph.
The reference to one SMO having failed the AOA accreditation examination must refer to Dr Gupta as he is the only SMO we have employed that has sat the exam. He is a casual locum and was not employed when the review was conducted or previous to it so is not involved in the AOA review.
The last paragraph mentions patients that have had operations at HBH and have died of complications. The reader will assume these are operations performed by the orthopaedic SMO's. I am unaware of any ortho patients that have died after surgery by the SMO's. The SMO's and the Anaesthetists are also unaware of any such patients.
We are doing a Transition II search for any patients that they have operated on that have required transfer to another facility or died whilst in hospital to try to identify any such patients.
Will notify if able to identify any such patients.
Also, when will it be possible to get a copy of the report so that I can read and think about it. Today would be great if possible to be some "light" weekend reading!
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A full search has been done of Transition II for any patients that had procedures performed by Dr Krishna or Dr Sharma and subsequently died in hospital or were transferred to another facility and subsequently died.

Unless there has been a data input omission or error, there have been no cases of an orthopaedic operation performed by one of these SMO's developing complications and being transferred to Brisbane and dying.

There are a total of 16 Krishna/Sharma operative patients that have died either in hospital or within 30 days of discharge from hospital.

An audit will be done on the charts of these patients to see what happened. All 16 were #NOF patients so comorbidity is the likely cause rather than surgical complications.

Will keep posted or result of audit.

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