

# Safe Surgery SA

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Safe Surgery SA is a research-driven non-profit organisation enabling the use of data related to perioperative care to empower clinicians in providing affordable quality services in optimal settings. We do this by providing research support, promoting access to relevant data, and seeking collaborative partnerships.

Key to SSSA efforts is identifying appropriate datasets, and facilitating sharing of data in a safe, effective way. The SSSA Data Tree provides a conceptual framework on the type of datasets that can be used to promote research and learning/improvement in perioperative care.

We collaborate to:

Understand the context of perioperative care through data on clinical settings, e.g. as member of the SA National Surgical Obstetrics & Anaesthesia Plan committee;

Define a minimum patient dataset that can be used for any patient accessing surgical care in SA & Africa, e.g. in a Delphi consensus study (in progress);

Manage and maintain a researcher network database of SA and African Perioperative Research Group members;

Use data collection tools that capture data to enhance the minimum dataset and create a core patient dataset, e.g. process quality indicators and/or patient-reported data using the Perioperative Shared Health Record;

Provide research support to multicentre studies that will augment the current evidence-base for perioperative care.

