



## **National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry**

# **Newsletter**

**September** Quarter 2024

The National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry (the National Registry) commenced on 22 May 2024. This is the first quarterly newsletter with highlights from the National Registry to date. Future newsletters may include detailed breakdowns of notifications as more data becomes available.

### (i) Message from the Department of Health and Aged Care

**Thank you** to the physicians who have already registered with the National Registry and made a notification to the National Registry.

The following physicians should now be reporting diagnoses of **prescribed occupational respiratory diseases** to the National Registry:

- · occupational and environmental medicine physicians
- respiratory and sleep medicine physicians.

**Silicosis** is the only nationally prescribed occupational respiratory disease. However, physicians in Queensland have additional obligations. Learn more about physician obligations in the description of the <u>prescribed occupational respiratory diseases</u> on the National Registry page.

Prescribed medical practitioners can report occupational respiratory diseases to the registry using the National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry Physician Portal. Prescribed medical practitioners can register and log in on the <u>National Registry page</u>.

We share information in the National Registry with state and territory health and work health and safety officers.

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#### Did you know?

Prescribed physicians can nominate an agent to make notifications on their behalf. More information on this feature can be found in the <u>Physician User Guide</u>.

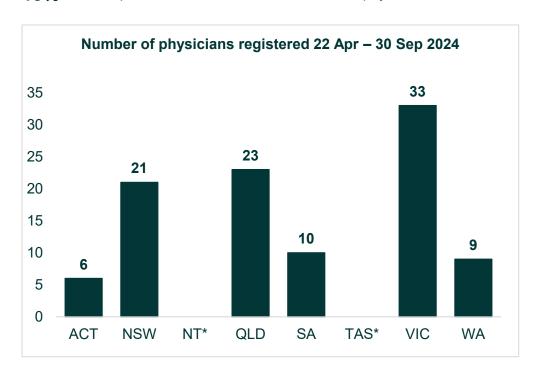
To assist you with gathering information necessary for a notification, you can give this patient notification form to patients to complete.

### Registrations

**107** physicians have registered as users of the National Registry Portal.

87% are respiratory or sleep medicine physicians.

**13%** are occupational and environmental medicine physicians.



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### **Notifications**

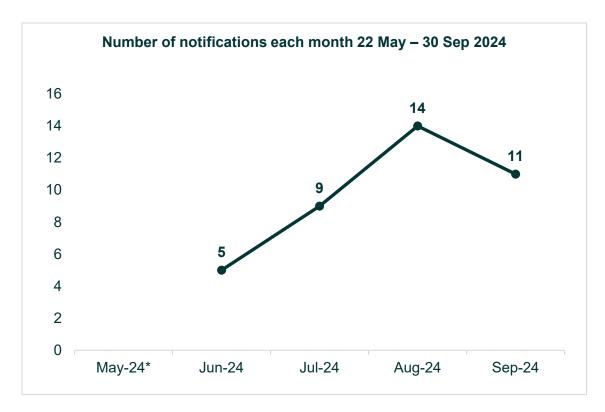
**42** notifications have been made to the National Registry to date.

#### **Mandatory notifications**

24 mandatory notifications of silicosis have been made with the most common form being Silicosis - Chronic Simple.

#### **Voluntary notifications**

18 voluntary notifications have been made. The most common are diagnoses of silicosis made prior to 22 May 2024. The most common other diseases notified being Mesothelioma and Silica associated lymphadenopathy.



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