

Clinical : Women's Health
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Dear [REDACTED],

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, received by CMDHB on 08 May 2019, via the Ministry of Health, who advised DHBs that you wished your query to be distributed to all DHBs.

You requested the following information:

- **How many surgical mesh procedures have been undertaken using the Trans-obturator System mesh tape (TVT-0) made by Johnson and Johnson Medical/-Ethicon from the period 01 January 2009 to 01 January 2019?**
- **Please confirm the brand names of all other Trans-obturator surgical mesh devices that have been used in surgical procedures for the period 01 January 2009 to 01 April 2019.**
- **How many surgical procedures in total have been undertaken using these Trans-obturator devices from the period 01 January 2009 to 01 January 2019?**

The CM Health Women's Health Services have Audit data on the numbers and types of all incontinence surgical procedures performed from 2010 to the present day.

We have used this data to inform this response.

- The trans-obturator system has not been used at CM Health since 2014.
- All of the trans-obturator procedures performed at CM Health prior to 2014 used the American Medical Systems (AMS) Monarch Sling system.
- Between 2010 and 2014, there were 114 trans-obturator tapes procedures performed. There have been none performed after 2014.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fepulea'i Margie Apa".

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive