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# Professor Stephen Graves to step down as National Joint Replacement Registry Clinical Director

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Australian Orthopaedic Association National Joint Replacement Registry (AOANJRR) Clinical Director Stephen Graves has announced that he will step down from his role after almost 25 years at the helm of the world-renowned health registry.

AOA President Dr Annette Holian said Professor Stephen Graves had provided strong leadership to develop and grow the registry and was key in driving its contribution to the development of registry science and patient outcomes for the benefit of all joint replacement patients.

“Professor Graves has strengthened AOA’s contributions in a number of areas, not least in leading the development of the registry to become fully national in mid 2002. Stephen was also integral to securing funding from the Federal Department of Health in 2009 to ensure the longevity of financial support to the AOANJRR.

“As the AOANJRR’s first Clinical Director, we thank Stephen for his valuable contribution to registry science and patient outcomes and wish him every success in the next stage of his career.”

Professor Graves is widely regarded as one of the world’s leading experts in joint replacement surgery and has an extensive research and policy development track record. He has a long history of successfully implementing and managing large complex projects both nationally and internationally.

Professor Graves has 200 publications in refereed journals. These publications have had a major impact on the practice of orthopaedics, the regulation of medical devices and the development of registry science. Almost all publications have been in high-ranking journals, including several publications in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and the *Lancet*.

Professor Graves has been responsible for the writing and publication of the AOANJRR annual report every year since inception, which includes the main report and up to 13 additional supplementary reports. This is accessed over 30,000 times per year, with access being recorded across more than 200 countries.

Thanks to Professor Graves’s tireless contribution, the AOANJRR is at the forefront of identifying how best to achieve optimal results in the orthopaedic surgery that contributes to restoring a pain-free, active and healthy lifestyle for hundreds of thousands of Australians, and in turn saves many millions of dollars in health and welfare expenditure.

The AOA Board is currently undertaking a search to fill the AOANJRR Registry Clinical Director role to replace Professor Graves.

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