Southern Cross Hospitals are presenting a podcast on venous thromboembolism (VTE), as part of the Reducing Perioperative Harm focus of the Health Quality & Safety Commission’s Open for better care campaign. The podcast will feature a number of speakers from Southern Cross discussing their research, findings and experiences around reducing VTE mortality and morbidity, and consumer engagement.

**Keynote speakers will include:**

**Kate Perry MSs, PhD, MNZPB** – Kate is the lead Clinical and Health Psychologist with Atlantis Healthcare. She conducted the Southern Cross Ethics Committee Approved Blood Clot Study and consumer focus group around consumer engagement.

**Pat Alley MB ChB, FRACS** – Pat is a founding member of the Department of General Surgery at Waitemata DHB, and is presently involved in day surgery and undergraduate surgical education. Chairman of the regional training committee of the NCTN, Pat is a General Surgeon and medical educator. He has conducted VTE research with Southern Cross Hospitals.
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Rosaleen Robertson RN, BA (Soc Sci) FCNA – Rosaleen is the Chief Clinical Safety and Quality Officer Southern Cross Hospitals, a member of the Perioperative Mortality Review Committee and Perioperative Harm Advisory Group. Rosaleen has been involved in the Blood clots and You project and has a special interest in consumer co-design.

Jane Bawden LLM (Hons) – Jane is a commercial Barrister and consumer. She is a member on two Southern Cross Hospitals Clinical Governance Committees also takes a ‘consumer’ role on the Health Quality & Safety Commission’s Reportable Events Advisory Group. Jane and Rosaleen have partnered on co-design on the Blood clots and You project.

Victoria Aliprantis RN BN PG Dip Bus – Victoria is the National Quality Improvement Advisor at Southern Cross Hospitals, and is an active participant in the Southern Cross Blood clots and You project, engaged particularly with consumers and designers.

Teena Robinson NZRN Comp, MN, FCNA (NZ), NP – Teena is a Nurse Practitioner in the area of Adult Elective Perioperative Care. Her particular interest is in advanced nursing practice and VTE prevention, which was the topic of her Masterate research portfolio.

Southern Cross Hospitals recently won first place in the poster award on Blood Clots and You out of 250 entries at the Australia Pacific (APAC) Forum in Melbourne in September 2014 and ‘Leaders in Quality Awards’, run by the New Zealand Private Surgical Hospitals Association. This is a great opportunity to hear about the consumer engagement research and co-design Southern Cross Hospitals has undertaken to reduce elective surgical patients’ harm from VTE.

You’ll be able to hear and view the podcast on your computer from 13 October 2014. Please email lisa.burns@hqsc.org.nz if you need any further help.