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The Eastern Health Surgical Research Group (EHSRG) is an active team of clinicians who have achieved a number of tangible research outputs, across a series of research projects/disciplines.

The EHSRG is convened by Adrian Fox and Sean Mackay, senior lecturers in the Eastern Health Clinical School and its two primary aims are to support Eastern Health surgical residents and registrars in their in-training research endeavours and to facilitate research projects across the surgical disciplines.

In 2009, Dr Salena Ward was Eastern Health's first upper-GIT surgical research fellow. She subsequently did more clinical training with the upper-GIT and then in Oxford, United Kingdom. Her MS thesis, entitled "Pancreatic exocrine insufficiency post-gastrectomy, oesophagectomy and pancreatico-duodenectomy" was submitted in 2013 and accepted without correction. Dr Ward has been confirmed as an MS at Monash University and she is the first higher degree student to come through the EHSRG/EHCS/EH program.

Dr Asiri Arachi had a case report of an anatomical variation published in *International Journal of Anatomic Variations* (IJAV, 2013, 6:1000-1001).

Sean Mackay had two letters published in response to articles in the *BMJ* – the online references are *BMJ* 2013;346:f2152, and *BMJ* 2012;344:e4026 – and one letter published in response to an article in the *MJA* – the online reference is (DOI) 10.5694/mja12.11186 at the MJA website.

Dr Sheryn Cheah presented a paper on single-incision laparoscopic cholecystectomy at the Australia and New Zealand Hepato-Pancreatico-Biliary Association meeting in Coolool last year. Abstracts from this meeting are published in the international journal, *HPB*.

The EHSRG had five presentations and one poster presented at the RACS 2012 state scientific meeting (the AVSFM). This reflects the group's performance over the last few years. Dr Sheryn Cheah won the D R Leslie prize for the best clinical research paper.

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*Readers note: Where projects are collaborative with our respective research partners, Eastern Health staff names are in bold.*

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