Holistic Support Model: A case-study of BreastScreen Queensland

a 34 year journey...

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Biomedical Technology Services (BTS)

- A business unit of Queensland Public Health and Scientific Services (QPHaSS) within the Queensland Health
 - Cancer Screening Unit is also part of QPHaSS
- Provides comprehensive health technology management services to the Queensland public health sector and other healthcare industry customers.



What BTS Does

Health technology management, and consultancy

- Development and maintenance of a medical equipment management programs
- Equipment procurement support and pre-purchase evaluation.
- Asset management and replacement planning information, analysis and advice.
- Biomedical vendor coordination, performance monitoring and service contract support.
- Hospital and health service development and redevelopment project support

Health technology technical support services

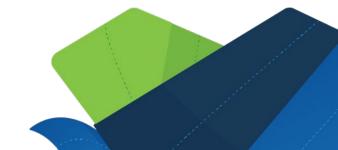
- Acceptance testing, installation, commissioning and pre-use safety assessment.
- Maintenance, including; repair, inspection, performance verification and preventive maintenance.
- Condemnation and disposal coordination



What BTS Does

Health technology safety and quality services

- Diagnostic imaging medical physics and radiation safety services, including compliance testing.
- Medical device recall and hazard alert response and coordination.
- Equipment-related incident investigation.
- Participation in, reporting and support for hospital and health service accreditation programs.
- Biomedical information and communications technology (ICT) risk assessment and mitigation



1989 - 2005: The Wonder Years

Medical Physics

- Develop and manage ongoing Quality Control program
 - film-screen
 - NAS testing
- Ongoing image quality and radiation dose optimisation
 - Diagnostic reference levels published
- Strong collaborative support to clinical services
 - Radiologists
 - Medical Officers
 - Radiographers
- Contribute to education and training

Repair and Maintenance

- Comprehensive in-house repair and maintenance program
- Collaborative partnerships with vendors



History of the World Part II (2006 – 2012)

The BSQ Digital Project

- BTS was part of the formation of the BSQ digital project, with other key stakeholders:
 - The BSQ Program
 - eHealth Qld (formerly HSIA)
 - Vendors
 - And many others internal and external to QH
- A significant change initiative:
 - Some of the drivers for change
 - Workforce
 - Technology
 - Population
 - Alignment to organisation goals
 - How to implement with minimal disruption
 - The 'big-bang'?
 - Or Staged?







Business as Usual (2012 and beyond)

A multi-disciplinary & multi-skilled team of health professionals:

Clinical Applications and PACS admin:

2.6 FTE Digital Applications Radiographers

Medical Imaging IT:

4 FTE Biomedical Engineers and Medical Imaging IT specialists

Medical Physicists:

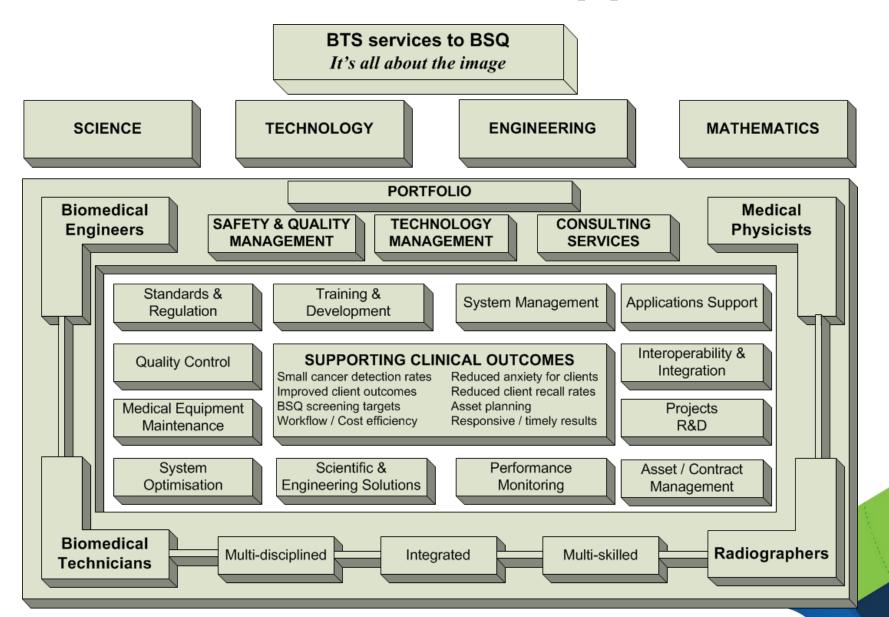
4 FTE Medical Physicists

Technical Repair and Maintenance:

~3.5 FTE Biomedical Technicians



The Vision: A Holistic Support Model

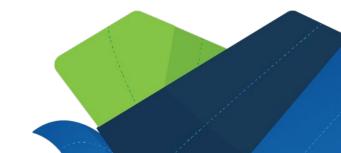


There has never been a more exciting time

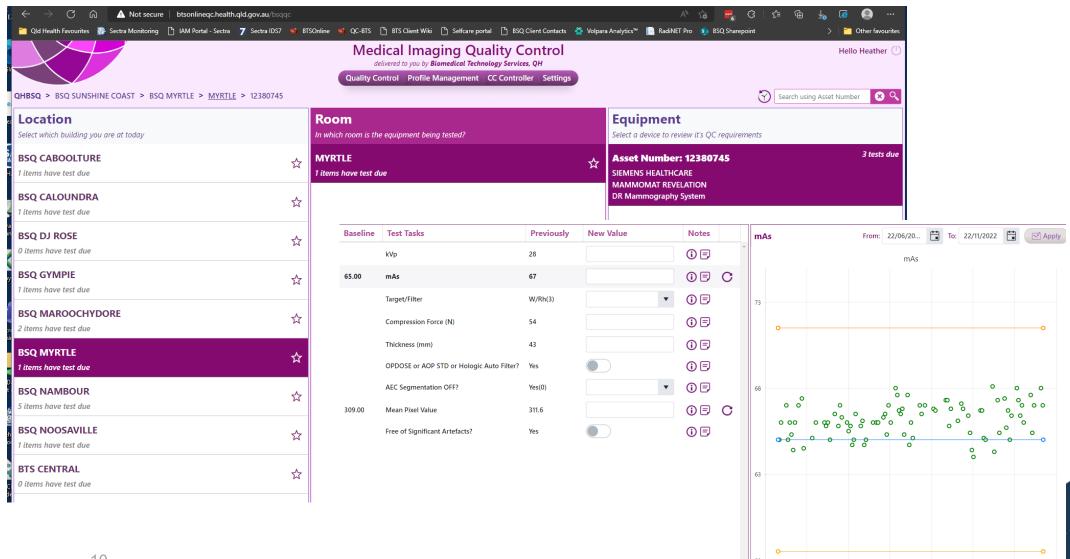
Innovation: Evaluation and Implementation:

- Online Quality Control System
 - BSQ Online QC Tool
- Ultrasound Telehealth Initiative
 - Initiated by the BSQ Townsville Service
 - Collaborative effort
- Digital Breast Tomosynthesis
- Volpara (PGMI/Quality scores)
- Ongoing procurement support and advice
- Image sharing portals
- Future directions in imaging technology
- Data analytics
 - MIDAS
- Artificial Intelligence
- Data integration



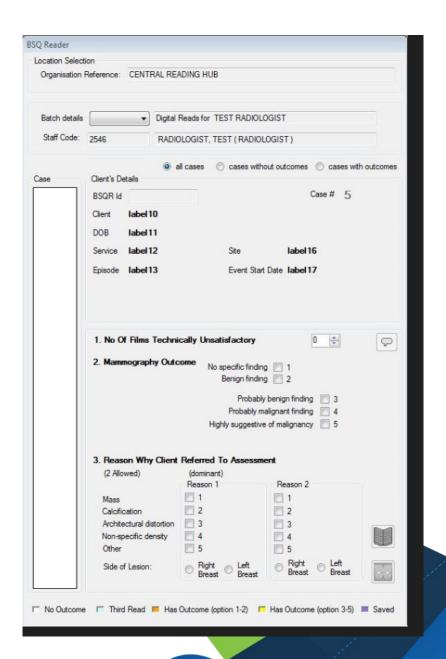


Online QC

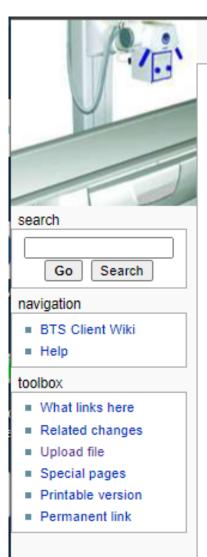


BSQReaderApp

- Microsoft .Net form that integrates between PACS and BSQR
- Used by Readers to input results



Client Wiki



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BreastScreen Queensland - BTS Support

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BSQ SUPPORT CONTACTS and PROCEDURE Phone 3722 3222

- BreastScreen Queensland Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS)
- BreastScreen Queensland Digital Mammography User Guides
- BreastScreen Queensland Quality Management
- BreastScreen Queensland Equipment Replacements or Relocations
- BreastScreen Queensland Electronic Image Transfers
- BreastScreen Queensland Workshops, Webinars and Presentations
- BreastScreen Queensland Mobile Services
- BreastScreen Queensland External Accreditation
- BTS Online QC ☑
- New Version of BTS Online QC
- BreastScreen Queensland Useful Links





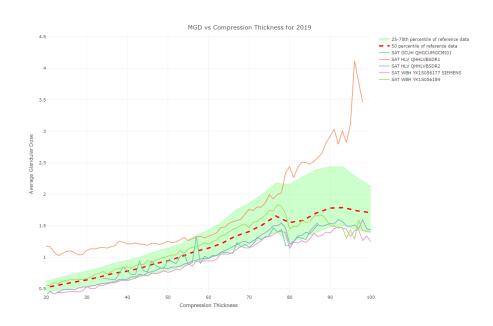
Data Analytics

Medical Imaging Data Analytics Solution (MIDAS):

- A works in progress
- Ability to create a data repository
 - Interrogate DICOM nodes
 - Interrogate many DICOM modalities
 - Integrate novel forms of data
- Analysis that will improve efficiency
 - Automate annual reporting
 - Automate standard data collection and analysis
 - Automate routine tasks (e.g. shielding calculations)
 - Provide data to make routine tasks more efficient (e.g. optimisation)



Annual performance summary data

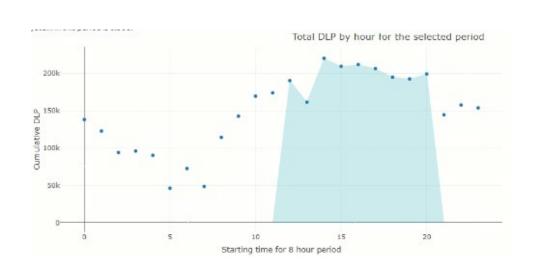


- Annual reports
- Radiation safety presentations
- Quality audits





Radiation workload data



kvp	Median weekly mAs	75th percentile weekly mAs	Max weekly mAs
25.00	192500.00	266050.00	6.00
26.00	261150.00	421475.00	18.00
27.00	404800.00	517000.40	17.00
28.00	2576700.60	3308099.20	59.00
29.00	2584200,70	3727977.28	56,00
30.00	11122201.40	12289132.15	146.00
31.00	8400001.40	12786500.75	110.00
32.00	10915403.50	12883851.85	123.00
33.00	2156700,60	2581849.00	28.00
34.00	1167898.70	1539501.00	17.00
35.00	444149.90	874650.05	10.00
36.00	154900.20	446699.05	5.00
37.00	253150.15	374425.40	4.00
38.00	74399.40	95224.80	1.00
39.00	414799.20	414799.20	1.00
40.00	64700.30	67250.30	1.00
42.00	62800,00	62800.00	1.00

Weekly workload statistics:					
Median Nexposures	75th percentile N exposures	Max N exposures			
248	341.50	549.00			

- Shielding calculations
- Staff dose investigations
- Workload planning and procurement activities



Comparative data



Tomosynthesis doses

Screening doses

- Radiation safety presentations
- Patient information leaflets
- Patient dose calculations
- Procurement decisions
- Assess effectiveness of optimisation process



Other initiatives:

- Barriers to the Introduction of AI into the breast screening program
 - MSc student project
 - Expected completion Jun 2024
- Thought bubbles:
 - National audit of NAS equipment testing results??
 - Inclusion of a Medical Physicist in the BSQ NAS Audit Program??



What are others doing

The NHS NCCPM: National Co-ordinating Centre for the Physics of Mammography

- The centre has a broad remit to provide scientific and technical advice to the NHSBSP. This involves the setup and management of information systems that enable NCCPM to monitor the performance of the breast imaging equipment used in the NHSBSP.
- Advice and planning guidance is provided to NHS England & Improvement and throughout the NHSBSP by active participation in formal national committees and meetings, as well as direct communications with leading radiologists, radiographers and physicists working for the NHSBSP.
- NCCPM initiates programmes of research leading to improvements in how breast screening is provided by the NHS and is a leading centre of expertise in this field.

