

Preliminary propositions

**Professor John McNeil,
Head of Department
Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine
Monash University**

For debate

It is not possible to measure errors with any reproducibility or precision

Administrative data-bases are woefully inadequate for quality purposes

Surrogate measures of quality have not proven useful

Very few sources of adequate data currently exist, most that do are based on registries

Registries are expensive, need good governance, and are applicable only for a limited number of high-cost high significance procedures

Quality, EBM & health IT are three legs of the one stool and will advance together