

Communiqué

Get to know our new trauma co-leads

James Moore

James is well known to the trauma community in New Zealand where he works as an intensive care specialist at Wellington Hospital's intensive care unit and also does some cardiac anaesthesia. He has been the head of trauma at Wellington Hospital since 2016, and the regional clinical lead for the Central Region since 2017.

James has a Master's degree in trauma sciences and an honorary position with the Medical Research Institute of New Zealand, supporting a number of multi-centre clinical trials in trauma, serious traumatic brain injury, haemorrhage and health equity. He is also an active trauma educator, teaching on early management of severe trauma and definitive surgical trauma care courses in Australia and New Zealand.

Originally James trained as a paramedic and he continues to support Hato Hone St John as an on-call medical specialist, providing advice and clinical support to ambulance staff.

He is enthusiastic about building on the work of the National Trauma Network as it makes its transition to being a core part of the health system.



Max Raos

Kia ora

Ko Pukeone ko Tū Ao wharepapa ngā maunga
Ko Aorere te moana
Ko Motueka ko Riuwaka ngā awa
Ko Te Āwhina te marae
Ko Tūrangapeke te whare
Ko Te Ātiawa o Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui tōku iwi
Ko Max Raos tōku ingoa

Max is an emergency physician working at Middlemore Hospital and one of the National Clinical Network – Trauma co-leads. He is a dad, a doctor and a Māori health equity advocate through his work as co-chair of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine Indigenous Health Committee and member of their Manaaki Mana Rōpū.



Farewell to Tony Mottershead

At the end of January we farewelled our senior programme manager Tony Mottershead, who is off to a new role with the Royal Flying Doctor Service in sunny Western Australia. Tony worked with the trauma programme for 3 years and his friendly personality and sense of humour will be greatly missed!

Jess Lockett will be stepping into Tony's shoes and splitting her time between the programme manager and quality improvement advisor roles within the trauma team.

Inaugural National Clinical Network – Trauma meeting

The inaugural meeting of the new National Clinical Network – Trauma met on Monday 4 March in Wellington to discuss how to achieve better outcomes for injured patients and their whānau; reduce variation across the trauma system; and improve equity of care for Māori.

Members come from a range of services, locations and professions to ensure all stages of the trauma patient journey are represented within the Network. *See the end of the communique for a full list of members.*

Stay tuned for updates from this and future meetings.

Sustaining gains in trauma rehabilitation

Recently the rehabilitation collaborative project leads took part in focus groups and interviews 1 year after completing their projects to establish if the collaborative achieved its initial aims. The objectives of the national collaborative were to put in place initiatives that removed barriers to rehabilitation after major trauma, and build clinical capability in quality improvement methodology.

Most project teams (eight out of nine) continued to use the service improvement change ideas that were effective after the projects were finished. Six teams spread their improvements beyond the initial scope of their projects; of those, one team spread the work across their region and two projects were scaled nationally.

Quality improvement knowledge and expertise has remained high, and clinicians have applied their skills to other service improvement work. A

more detailed write-up of the 1-year review is underway and will be published in due course.

Quality improvement facilitator training 2024

The Improving together: Facilitators course kicked off in February with a 2-day in-person workshop attended by an enthusiastic group of clinicians from across the trauma system.

Course topics include:

- early intervention and mental health support
- implementation of a virtual trauma follow-up clinic
- embedding Māori wellbeing models into trauma rehabilitation services
- supporting the transition of care from intensive inpatient to community rehabilitation services.

It is so exciting to see such a breadth of incredible projects and we look forward to supporting participants to succeed in creating positive change in the system. Watch this space!

Chest injury expert advisory group update

At its second meeting in early March the chest trauma expert advisory group will finalise the scope and method of work required to improve the management of patients with chest trauma. Additional analytics from the New Zealand Trauma Registry and ACC data, as well as a summary of current guidelines in place nationally, will be presented to further shape the direction of the project.

We will keep you up to date on the group's progress and how the work will align with the new National Clinical Network – Trauma structure.

Other updates

Major Trauma Research Grant

The Major Trauma Research Grant closed for applications on 23 February. A committee will now convene to review all applications and a decision on grant recipients will be announced later this month.

Registrations open for inaugural ACC Rongoā Māori Conference

ACC is pleased to announce that registrations for the inaugural ACC Rongoā Māori Conference are open. The conference will bring health providers and rongoā Māori practitioners together, to support collaboration and raise awareness of rongoā Māori in the health sector.

The conference will be held on 22–23 May 2024 in Rotorua.

You can find more information and the registration form [on the conference website](#).



Trauma National Clinical Network – Membership

Dr James Moore	National Co-Lead Anaesthetist and Intensive Care Specialist, Wellington Head, Trauma Services, Wellington	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Dr Max Raos	National Co-Lead Emergency Physician, Middlemore	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Arie Bates-Hermans	Data Analyst	Te Tāhū Hauora
Dr Christine Howard-Brown	Chief Executive Representative, Health and Wellbeing National Rehabilitation Providers Group & NZ Spinal Cord Injury Registry	ABI Rehabilitation Evolution Healthcare
Dr Chris Harmston	Northern Regional Lead General and Colorectal Surgeon, Whangārei	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Claire Hitchcock	Trauma Nurse Coordinator, Nelson Marlborough	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Mr Grant Christey	Te Manawa Taki Regional Lead Trauma Specialist, Waikato	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Dr James McKay	Te Waipounamu Regional Lead General Surgeon, Christchurch	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora

Julie Wilson	Health Partner	ACC
Kat Quick	Clinical Lead – Trauma Rehabilitation	Te Tāhū Hauora
Kendra Sanders	National Clinical Network Programme Manager – Trauma	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Kevin Henshall	Clinical Nurse Specialist Trauma, Counties Manukau	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Mary Gorton	Occupational Therapist ICU Educator, Christchurch	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Dr Osman Mansoor	Medical Officer of Health Public Health Medicine Specialist, Tairāwhiti	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Dr Ryan Salter	Central Regional Lead Anaesthetist and Intensive Care Specialist, Wellington	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Sarah Shannon	Clinical Lead, Trauma Service Allied Health, Tauranga	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora
Dr Tawa Hunter	Strategic Advisor, Māori Health	ACC
Dr Tony Smith	Deputy Clinical Director	Hato Hone St John