



Information Sheet for Trauma Patients

This information sheet is to inform you about the specific information we collect about you and your care which is entered into the New Zealand Major Trauma Registry (NZ-MTR). This Registry is used to track your journey from the time of your injury until discharge from hospital.

We collect this information to help us understand how we can prevent injuries occurring and where we can improve the quality of care in the pre-hospital and hospital services. It also helps us to compare our performance with other countries such as Australia.

What information is collected?

The data we collect for the NZ-MTR includes your name, date of birth, and National Health Index number.

The pre-hospital information includes the time and date of the injury, your vital signs such as heart rate, and key information about the injury such as whether any protective equipment was being used and what activity you were doing when injured. Information about how you were transported to hospital is also included.

The hospital information includes the date and time of hospitals you were sent to, your vital signs, emergency procedures and imaging which were done, whether you were on a ventilator and for how long, whether there were any serious missed injuries, and where you were discharged to.

The information we collect is used to score the severity of your injuries using the Injury Severity Scale. Some hospitals collect information on patients whose injuries are scored above 12, other hospitals collect all trauma injury information.

Who is responsible for keeping my information safe?

The District Health Board of the hospital you are admitted to is responsible for security around the collection and uploading of information, in line with other health information about you. The Major Trauma National Clinical Network has overall accountability for ensuring all information held in the NZ-MTR is secure.

The NZ-MTR is physically located in secure services located at Waikato District Health Board which hosts the NZ-MTR. Access to the NZ-MTR is restricted to clinicians employed

by District Health Boards to collect and upload trauma data. They are authorised users who require their username and password to access the NZ-MTR. There are a limited number of users in each District Health Board.

The NZ-MTR Governance Group is responsible for managing the information which is held in the NZ-MTR. At times external researchers may request information which is held in the NZ-MTR to research aspects of trauma. This research is important to us to show where we should focus our attention to prevent injuries and improve the quality of our care. The NZ-MTR Governance Group will ensure the appropriate ethics approval is obtained before any data is released, and particularly for any research which requires patient identifiable information.

We will also provide regular reports on aggregate national data. This is data which pools the information in each hospital, and region, and contains no identifiable information.

Can I see my information held in the NZ-MTR?

You will not be able to access the NZ-MTR directly however you may ask for a copy or a summary of your information from your health professional. This may be the doctor or nurse caring for you. You can ask them to explain the information to you if needed. You may request any of your information to be changed, you can discuss this with your health professional to see if this is possible. Any changes made, or not made, will be noted on your record.

Can I opt out of the NZ-MTR?

Yes you may opt out at any time, with no explanation necessary. To opt out inform the doctor or nurse caring for you and they will action your request by informing the NZ-MTR Helpdesk. The request will be actioned as soon as expedient (within business hours).

Where can I go for more information about my rights?

The hospital you are being cared for will be able to provide information about your privacy. Please ask the doctor or nurse who is caring for you.

The Office of the Privacy Commission administers the Privacy Act 1993 and Health Information Privacy Code 1994 has useful information on its website www.privacy.org.nz.