



Communiqué

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Highlights

Efforts to achieve a world-class trauma system in New Zealand are progressing well. Here are some of the highlights:

Meet the new team

We are thrilled to officially introduce the new team joining Ian and Siobhan on the National Network. The team are based in Wellington at the Health Quality and Safety Commission office (Level 9 Customs House, 17-21 Whitmore Street, Wellington City). If you are around feel free to pop in or sing out - we're always up for a cuppa!

David Drower (top left)

Quality Improvement Advisor– providing advice and support to help create a self-learning trauma care system, one that continuously seeks to improve the experience of care and outcome for people who suffer major trauma.

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I am a Critical Care Registered Nurse, with 23 years' health sector experience across the country in a wide variety of clinical and non-clinical roles, who is passionate about quality improvement and patient safety. When not working to help improve healthcare, I enjoy studying and reading military history, watching cricket and football, going to movies and listening to music.

Paul McBride (top right)

Analyst/data scientist– providing analytics to help understand rates and patterns of major trauma.

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I spent the past three years as a clinical/quality improvement data analyst at the Nelson Marlborough DHB. Before this I completed a PhD in Evolutionary Biology – before deciding to escape academia! When I'm not wrangling numbers, I enjoy a bit of rock climbing, cycling, and drinking Wellington's fine coffee.



Sandy Ngov (bottom left)

Programme coordinator- providing project management and general operations support

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Prior to joining the Network, I spent 2 and half years working within a tertiary research and transfer office supporting delivery of grant funded programs in areas such as procurement, contracts, and research engagement with communities. Enabling the wider impact of health research and socially driven programs is the work I value doing – outside of this I am painting, learning Mandarin and delving my way through a list of novels.

Professor Belinda Gabbe (bottom right)

Research Lead- providing research leadership to the National Trauma Network

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I have spent the past 17 years as a trauma researcher at Monash University, Australia. My research has focused on using data to inform trauma system design and better understand the burden of non-fatal injury. Before this I completed a PhD in sports injury epidemiology, studying risk factors for injury in Australian football players, and was a physiotherapist working in sport and rehabilitation. When I am not researching ways to improve trauma outcomes, I teach and practice yoga, and am an avid trail runner.

Clinical nurse specialist at Wellington hospital approved

Wellington Hospital have successfully earned approval on their business case for an additional Clinical nurse specialist. It highlights the importance of having a strong trauma workforce, training, building research capability- and the need to build capacity in this area.

We are well on our way to achieving a contemporary trauma system in New Zealand and have identified areas of concern to work on, and cutting edge initiatives to change the trauma system to deliver better outcomes for patients.

We will keep you informed of developments as they happen.

Any queries please email info@majortrauma.nz



Injury 2019 Auckland/AIS Course

The Injury 2019 symposium is hosted in Auckland on Thursday 8th August. The lineup of guest speakers includes Professor Belinda Gabbe, Monash University and Rebekeh Ogilvie, University of Canberra. Prior to the symposium the National Network is also hosting the two-day AIS course and refresher at Auckland City Hospital from 6th -7th August, and 9th August respectively.

Registrations are now open for both events:

Injury 2019: <http://www.injury2019.nz/>

AIS course: <https://ais-auckland-2019.eventbrite.com.au>

AIS refresher: <https://ais-auckland-refresher-2019.eventbrite.com.au>

Open Forum: International speaker series with Professor Karim Brohi

We are pleased to announce the visit of International trauma leader Professor Karim Brohi later this year. Karim is Professor of Trauma Sciences at Barts and The Royal London Hospital with an affiliation to Queen Mary University. He was the founder of trauma.org and is well known for his work in developing the London Trauma System amongst many other things.

More details will be distributed shortly, in the meantime save these dates below as a placeholder in your calendars.

Christchurch: 1 October, 4pm-6pm, Location TBC

Wellington: 2 October, 12pm-2pm, Location TBC



Waikato Hospital achieves Level 1 trauma centre verification

Earlier this year Waikato Hospital has been formally recognised as a Level 1 trauma centre, the first in New Zealand. The verification was approved by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Trauma Verification Committee and is a recognition of the team’s delivery of best practice trauma care. Enormous effort from the team at Waikato – congratulations!

