

Communiqué

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Year Ahead

This time last year it would have been hard to imagine the Christchurch terrorist attack and Whakaari/White Island eruption which required trauma responses of a scale and type not previously required in NZ.

So in 2020, what will lie before us?

Without considering what might unpredictably be thrust upon us, it will nonetheless be an important year for trauma activity. Most importantly, it will be the start of the quality improvement initiatives, provided by the Health Quality and Safety Commission (the 'Commission') on behalf of the Network. Critical haemorrhage, rehabilitation, and serious traumatic brain injury are all activities which will be initiated shortly, or in the near future. In parallel, a trauma quality improvement facilitator course will be run by Ko Awatea with participants from DHBs around NZ and our prehospital providers.

In July we will transition to a new Major Trauma Registry. In August, we will run our first National

Trauma Symposium with Chris Moran, clinical lead for the Trauma Network in the UK as well as Belinda Gabbe and Michael Dinh from Australia. And before long it will be the end of the year.

While hoping for as low an incidence of trauma as possible, inevitably it will occur and our role in the Network is to make sure patients are cared for as efficiently and effectively as possible leaving them both alive and able to return as close as possible to their previous quality of life.

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Acknowledgements

Whakaari/White Island

We acknowledge the commitment from the first responders, hospital staff and teams who provided the initial response and ongoing care for people who suffered burns following the eruption and their whānau. We share our condolences to those affected, and acknowledge the physical, mental and emotional toll for everyone in the Network involved.

*Have a story to share, or a colleague to celebrate? Visit our new **Community Stories** page*

Key Dates

Save these upcoming events in your calendar

10-11 March	QIF Learning Session 1
27 March	Midland Trauma Symposium
18 June	National TNCs and Data Managers day (Wellington)
3-7 August	National Trauma Week
26-30 October	World Congress 2020

Improvement Programme 2019-2023

Critical haemorrhage project

The Commission and the National Trauma Network are excited to welcome onboard Dr Kerry Gunn as the clinical lead for the critical haemorrhage project.

Kerry is an anaesthetist with a special interest in in coagulopathy and massive haemorrhage management. He chairs the Auckland Blood Transfusion Committee and is a member of the steering committee for Patient Blood Management Committee of the National Blood



Authority (Australia) and the New Zealand Massive Transfusion Registry. He is also a member of the Commission's Perioperative Mortality Review Committee.

He joins the project team on a 0.2 FTE basis and brings both his clinical expertise and his key relationships to the work. The aim of this project is to reduce mortality and associated multi-organ failure from critical haemorrhage caused by trauma.

The team will be writing to key stakeholders shortly to provide more information about the project and identify champions to work with. The project will be informed by a yet to be convened expert advisory group and we'll be seeking nominations for this group soon.

Dr Gunn can be contacted via his email (Kerry.Gunn@majortrauma.nz), or you can contact the project manager, Gabrielle Nicholson, via her email (gabrielle.nicholson@hqsc.govt.nz).



Quality Improvement Facilitator (QIF) course:

The trauma-focused QIF course, run by Ko Awatea, starts 10 March (with a pre-course Zoom scheduled for 10 February). We wrote to DHBs and the trauma network seeking participants and participants from 15 DHBs and the two ambulance services have been awarded scholarships. We're currently following up with key stakeholders to see if the remaining three scholarships can be awarded.

We'll keep you updated and you can read more about the course [here](#) or, if you have any specific questions, you can contact David Drower (david.drower@majortrauma.nz).

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Emergency Burns Centre Grant

Applications now open!

The National Burn Service invites applications for a First National Education Grant. The grant supports:

- Emergency Management of Severe Burns
- Burn Rehabilitation Course
- ANZBA Nursing Seminar

Apply online now.

Applications close on **15 February 2020**

National Trauma Week 3-7 August 2020

Save this week in your calendar for the National Trauma week.

Mon 3rd : Regional visits- Northern
Tues 4th : Regional visits- Midland
Wed 5th : National Stakeholders Day
Thurs 6th : National Trauma Symposium
Fri 7th: Regional visits- Christchurch

The Network will be hosting a variety of forums/workshops in this week bringing together trauma nurses, network stakeholders, data managers, clinicians, pre hospital teams in a week focused on collaboration, quality improvement and learning from international best practice/experts.

In particular, as part of the trauma week we will run the first National Trauma Symposium. The programme will include scientific presentations and debate of the highest level and will attract a wide variety of trauma practitioners from across New Zealand. It represents an excellent forum for discussion and opportunities to learn from colleagues.

Call for abstracts are now open! [Submit an abstract now.](#)

We are excited to announce Professor Chris Moran will be presenting at the National Trauma Symposium as keynote speaker, as well as participating in other forums/workshops to be confirmed for that week. Other speakers include Belinda Gabbe and Michael Dinh from Australia.



We'll keep you updated as details progress. At this time **save this week in your calendar!**