

Communiqué

November 2020



Highlights

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AIS course training 2020

The registrations for the AIS 2 day course is open. The full 2 day course will be in-person in Auckland, **26-27**

November 2020:

<https://ais-nz-2020.eventbrite.com.au>

If your organisation will be covering the course fee please let us know and we can raise an invoice directly.

Coding consistency exercise

Following feedback from the AIS audit earlier in the year we will begin running coding consistency exercises. These will be **quarterly exercises**, where coders can submit their answers online and get feedback on coding discrepancies across the country. The key is to support conversations that will continue improving the quality of registry data.

The first exercise will be sent out to all trauma nurses and data managers.

Patient reported outcomes project

A project to collect New Zealand trauma patient's self-reported outcomes is underway. The results will inform quality improvement activities and will publish findings via regular reports, such as the Network's annual reports and ad hoc reports when the data warrants. The results will also be made available in aggregate form to DHBs and regions to support their QI initiatives.

The project approach is based on the successful Victorian State Trauma system's model. Their population-based Registry has included collection of patient reported outcomes data to monitor their system performance and inform trauma system design for over 10 years.

The Commission has contracted the University of Otago to deliver this project because of their expertise in working with trauma patients, their cultural safety and experience of working with Māori, and their proven ability to keep data private and secure.

The aim of this work is to interview all willing adult (16 years and over) patients who have been entered into the New Zealand Trauma Registry (NZTR) at six, 12 and 24 months post-injury by telephone. The interviews will usually take no longer than 10–15 minutes to complete and will use two standardised tools (the WHO-DAS and EQ-5D-5L).

A letter providing information about the project, including how to opt out if patients do not want to participate, and the registry information brochure will be sent out to all eligible participants this month.

For more information [visit our site](#).



Key dates

10 Nov	Monthly TNC zoom meeting
14-15 Nov	CENNZ NZ Triage course
20 Nov	Waikato Emergency Ultrasound course
26-27 Nov	AIS Full course

[See more upcoming conferences and training](#)



Critical haemorrhage project

The critical haemorrhage project began in January 2020 and has been informed by a core expert reference group (ERG), made up of experts and key stakeholders.

It seeks to reduce mortality and complications in critically haemorrhaging trauma patients by working in partnership with the health sector and experts to:

1. support the ambulance sector and hospitals to review and update existing massive transfusion protocols (MTPs) to meet current best-practice trauma care
2. develop a national best-practice critical bleeding bundle of care for ambulance services and hospitals to adjust to their local context and implement
3. develop associated national critical bleeding best-practice guidance.

These resources will support New Zealand health care providers with early recognition and appropriate action for trauma-related critical haemorrhage across ambulance services, emergency departments, perioperative teams and ICUs.

Two key resources from this project are up on our website:



Minutes from the core ERG meetings [are also available.](#)

We will be publishing the bundle, MTP and associated guidance shortly. We look forward to sharing this with all DHB teams as soon as possible!

If you have any questions contact the team at help@majortrauma.nz

Māori experiences of rehabilitation following major trauma

We are thrilled to welcome Sharon Pihema (Ngāti Porou) as the lead for a project focused on understanding Māori and whānau experiences of rehabilitation from trauma. Sharon will work with six DHBs (Northland, Counties Manukau, Tairāwhiti, Hawke’s Bay, Nelson Marlborough and Canterbury) for the interviews – she recently contacted the DHBs to get this process started.



“My background is in population health, nutrition and community development. I am passionate about improving Māori Health outcomes. I am empathetic and supportive of the patient and whānau journey as I have a 17 year old who lives with chronic illness. She suffered a hypoxic brain injury six years ago so the rehabilitation pathway and the challenges whānau Māori face while on this journey is something I have personal experience in”.

If you would like to find out more contact Sharon at Sharon.pihema@majortrauma.nz.

National Collaborative – major trauma rehabilitation

Seeking interest for local quality improvement project

We would like you and your colleagues to be involved with the [national collaborative](#) in your local area, by either forming or being part of a local trauma rehabilitation quality improvement project team.

Each team should consist of appropriate local representatives and experts, including consumers and Māori.

The collaborative will run until December 2021. There will be three learning sessions throughout the year; local project teams and project topics will need to be confirmed before the first learning session in March 2021.

At this time, we are requesting nominations to act as first point of contact for the local projects. Our team will liaise with this person to provide further detailed information on the local projects and the national collaborative.

Please send your nomination to help@majortrauma.nz.