

Rehabilitation work programme

The rehabilitation collaborative report published in July 2024 celebrates the ongoing success of local improvement projects that have had benefits to major trauma survivors lasting more than one year after the work was completed. The report highlights the high levels quality improvement expertise of those involved in the project, that initial change ideas have been spread within hospitals, regionally and nationally, and that new service improvement work has evolved for participants. The full report can be accessed via <https://bit.ly/3ZgugMt>

The Te Tāhū Hauora team has been reviewing qualitative and quantitative data from the serious traumatic brain injury (sTBI) collaborative to establish how this work may have impacted post-traumatic amnesia (PTA) assessment for people admitted with major trauma. A final report is due to be published in the coming months with preliminary analysis indicating high PTA rates from sites involved in the sTBI collaborative.

The transitions of care working group (enhancing early cover processes to assign a recovery team member) has been paused until sign-offs have been completed internally within ACC.

Rōpū Rangatira

Rehabilitation and transitions rōpū

The Trauma National Clinical Network (the Network) rehabilitation and transitions rōpū is establishing key priorities and deliverables to the Network. Major trauma patient ACC analytics will be used to further inform this group, the first analysis of this data is expected within the next few months.

Trauma Quality Improvement (TQI) rōpū

The motivated and engaged group of clinicians from across

the medical, allied health and nursing specialties that make up the TQI rōpū have met three times so far this year.

Discussions are underway to prioritise the various improvement projects suggested by the members of the Network, with the rōpū mindful that whilst passion for improvement remains strong across the sector, clinicians are more time and resource-poor than ever. Support for existing work already underway remains a top priority whilst we work with the Network to plan future projects.

Injury Prevention rōpū, Acute Care & Out of Hospital rōpū and The NZTR Data & Insights rōpū

All rōpū have now met at least twice over the past few months. All are evolving well, and good relationships are developing. The focus is on identifying projects to populate the trauma workplan that will go to the Te Whatu Ora Insights group for sign-off.

Injury Prevention rōpū: The evidence suggests that falls are a focus area for this rōpū. The group will take this as its key priority for the next 18 months.

Acute Care & Out of Hospital rōpū are clear about their projects for the next 18 months. They have arranged themselves into subgroups to work on the following three key priorities:

- Staging and inter-hospital transfer, including the designation of trauma hospitals.
- Definition and classification of receiving hospitals – for review and update.
- Development of national guidelines – the first few days in hospital.



The NZTR Data & Insights rōpū will focus on providing district and regional visibility of data and insights from the Trauma Registry to drive local quality improvement. The development of regional dashboards and automated reporting to help with improving performance will also be a key priority of this rōpū.

Timeframes for the completion of this work will vary but most will be finalised within the next 12 to 18 months.

Te Whatu Ora Clinical Network for Trauma, Network Manager, Keith Todd

Keith has worked in health for 38 years in a variety of roles including nursing (surgical specialties, cardiac surgery and general ICU), information services, clinical audit, clinical governance and general management. In 2008, he and his family moved to Christchurch from the United Kingdom. He was a Service Manager at Christchurch Hospital until 2016, then joined the Regional Alliance, SIAPO, as Director of Regional Programmes until 2021. During this time, he gained his Master's in Health Sciences.



Keith had a successful secondment as Operations Manager for the Canterbury COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, staying until the peak of public and health workforce vaccinations were completed. After this he moved to the role of South Island Neurosurgery Programme Manager for two and a half years before joining the team at the National Clinical Network where he is Network Manager for Trauma and Eye Health.

This role is a perfect match for Keith as his professional interests include good relationship building and trust among clinicians, non-clinicians, and managers; improving the quality of care for patients and advocating for clinically led services.

Keith holds the belief that service improvement and reduced clinical risk is far more effective when listening to, and acting upon, the advice of those who undertake the job.

National Trauma Symposium

The National Trauma Symposium will be held on Thursday 21 November 2024 at InterContinental Wellington. Abstract submission closes on 30 September. More details are available on the symposium website: <https://bit.ly/4b5yl2U>.

Allied Health Study Day

An in-person trauma nurses and allied health day is scheduled to be held in Wellington on Friday 22 November 2024. More details to come soon.

Upcoming Conferences

Trauma Outcomes & Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC): 23 October 2024, Brisbane, Australia. Find out more, including how to register: <https://bit.ly/4gk5hh4>

