



Welcome to Trauma News, the quarterly newsletter for the NSW Institute of Trauma and Injury Management (ITIM) to keep you informed of the activities NSW ITIM.

Trauma Evening seminars

We are currently planning a new format for our metropolitan trauma education seminars for 2008. The format for the seminars will be 3 presentations, including state and local issues delivered by NSW ITIM and local clinicians. They will be held in the evening from approx 4.30pm to 8pm, including a light super break. Registration for the Trauma Evenings will be free. A trial of this format is to be held at three locations this year, the first being at Liverpool on 17th October 2007 ([more details](#)).

Upcoming NSW ITIM Trauma Education:

20-21st September 2007. "Trauma in the Mountains." Leura.

A 2 day seminar. A collaboration between NSW ITIM and the Trauma Services of NSW.
Fully subscribed - registrations closed.

17th October 2007. "Trauma Evening - Liverpool." Liverpool Hospital

A short trauma seminar held in the evening discussing state and local trauma issues ([more details](#)).

Currently in planning:

- 16th November 2007. Rural trauma seminar. Narrabri.

Upcoming External Provider Education:

- CENA 6th International Conference for Emergency Nurses, 11-13th Oct. Melbourne ([more details](#))
- ATS 2007 Annual Conference, 13-14th October. Melbourne ([more details](#))
- AAAM Annual Conference, 15-16th October. Melbourne ([more details](#))
- RNSH Trauma Seminar. 14th December 2007. Royal North Shore Hospital
- ACEM 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting, 25-30th Nov. Gold Coast ([more details](#))

Trauma Clinical Practice Guidelines:

Demand for the four Adult Trauma Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) continues to grow with requests for further copies being received from across NSW and also interstate. As a result, additional copies are being printed of all the documents. Electronic versions of the documents are also available on the NSW ITIM website in the [ITIM Trauma Guidelines](#) section. The four guidelines printed and distributed are:

- Initial Management of Closed Head Injury in Adults
- Emergency Airway Management in the Trauma Patient
- Management of Hypovolaemic Shock in the Trauma Patient
- The Management of Haemodynamically Unstable Patients with a Pelvic Fracture

Future CPG's that are currently in the final stages of development include:

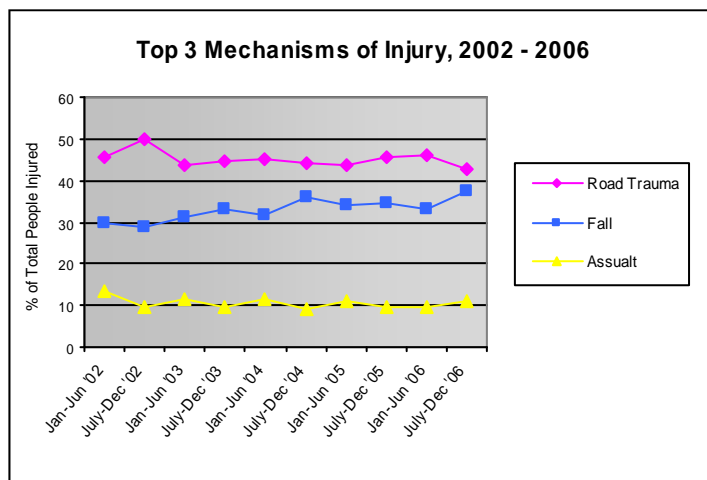
- Maxillo-Facial Trauma
- Anterior Abdominal Stab Wounds
- Compartment Syndrome



The Profile of Serious to Critical Injuries - Falls:

Between 2002 and 2006 there has been a steady rise in the number of falls resulting in serious to critical injuries. In 2006 there were 429 falls (37.5% of total injured).

NSW ITIM regularly publishes the NSW Trauma Registry Profile of Serious to Critical Injuries. This is an annual report published using collated data collected for the previous year about serious to critical injuries in NSW. Four reports have been published in this series since 2002 (older reports were titled 'The NSW Trauma Minimum Data Set Annual Report').



All published reports are available at <http://www.itim.nsw.gov.au/go/publications>

Rural Trauma CNC - Tamworth

The pilot project will run for 2 years and will be based at Tamworth Hospital covering the northern region of the Hunter New England Area Health Service.

The Rural Trauma Clinical Nurse Consultant (RTCNC) role will be focused on the evaluation of the clinical care of patients who have sustained severe injury and have required the activation of the trauma system at local or State level.

The objectives of the project are:

- Development of a rural trauma minimum dataset in conjunction with ITIM, the Rural Critical Care Taskforce and the Critical Care HPT;
- Collecting and analysing data relating to patients presenting at rural hospitals in the New England Critical Care network following severe traumatic injury;
- Trauma education and consultancy, the development and evaluation of protocols (including the Early Notification of Severe Trauma (ENST)) and clinical guidelines.

Ms Lin Davis (RN) has been appointed into the position at Tamworth Base Hospital. She can be contacted by email at lin.davis@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 6767 7418.

Paralympic Awareness and Accident Rehabilitation Program

The Paralympic Awareness and Accident Rehabilitation Program (PAARP) is a FREE program linking people in rehabilitation centres with Paralympians.

Paralympic athletes are available to share their personal journey through rehabilitation and inspiring experiences to sporting success to staff and patients at all stages of rehabilitation.

Research proves that participating in sports and other recreational programs goes beyond the repair of the physical - athletic and leisure activities also have marked psychological and social advantages for people with disabilities.

Please visit:

http://www.paralympic.org.au/apc_sub.asp?id=394 for further information or to make a booking.



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