



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 Clinical Practice Guidelines:

The four Adult Trauma Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) have now been printed and distributed to all Emergency Departments in NSW, Ambulance Service of NSW, retrieval services, various committees and stakeholders. 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



There are also other CPG's in the final stages of development including:

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

Upcoming NSW ITIM Trauma Education:

1st June 2007. "Paediatric Trauma Symposium." Wollongong.

One day paediatric trauma seminar presented by the NSW Paediatric Trauma Network ([more details](#)).

Currently in planning:

- 20-21st September 2007. "Trauma in the Mountains" seminar, Leura
- December 2007. A one day trauma seminar to be held at Royal North Shore Hospital

Upcoming External Provider Education:

- Mass Casualty Symposium, 25th May, St. George Hospital. ([more details](#))
- SWAN XV, 27-28th July. Liverpool ([more details](#))
- CENA 6th International Conference for Emergency Nurses, 11-13th Oct. Melbourne ([more details](#))
- ATS 2007 Annual Conference, 13-14th Oct. Melbourne
- AAAM Annual Conference, 15-16th Oct. Melbourne ([more details](#))
- ACEM 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting, 25-30th Nov. Gold Coast ([more details](#))

Implementation of Clinical Practice Guidelines:

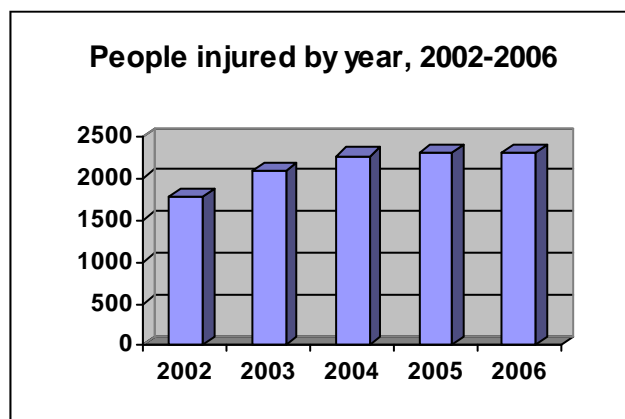
The transfer of evidence into practice is a difficult task. There are numerous examples where a proven therapy has been very slow to be implemented into practice. For this to occur in a timely fashion, a integration of four main elements is desirable: good information; good access to information; supportive environments; and evidence based promotion of knowledge uptake.

For more information please click on the link to the NHMRC publication: [How to put Evidence into Practice: Implementation and Dissemination Strategies](#).

The Profile of Serious to Critical Injuries:

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’), and the 2005 report is close to publication.

Between 2002 and 2004 there was a steady rise annually in the number of people injured due to trauma, whose injuries were classified as serious to critical. Since 2004, the number has remained between 2,250 and 2,300 people injured each year.



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

Trauma Articles:

Heart Rate: Is It Truly a Vital Sign? *Brasel, Karen J. et al. Journal of Trauma-Injury Infection & Critical Care. 62(4):812-817, April 2007. ([CIAP full text link](#))*

“Heart rate alone is not sufficient to determine the need for emergent interventions for hemorrhage. Although tachycardia may still indicate need for emergent intervention in the trauma patient, its absence should not allay such concern.”

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What NSW ITIM does:

NSW ITIM is the body responsible for overseeing, coordinating and supporting the NSW Trauma System. The Institute reports to the NSW Health ITIM Executive Committee, Director General of Health and the Minister for Health and is responsible to the Chief Health Officer ([more details](#)).

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