

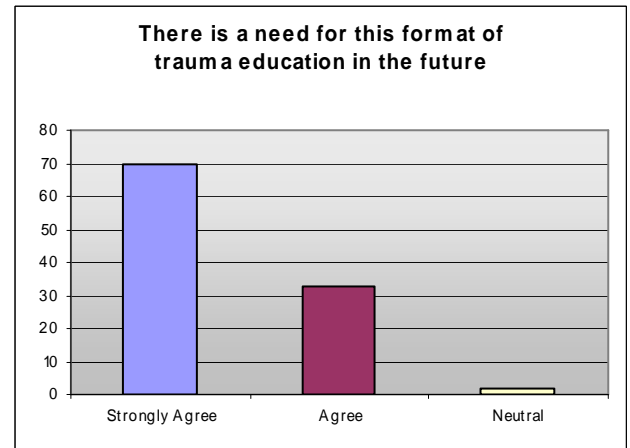


Welcome to Trauma News, the quarterly newsletter for the NSW Institute of Trauma and Injury Management (ITIM) to keep you informed of our activities.

Trauma Evening seminars

NSW ITIM held 3 Trauma Evenings in the last quarter of 2008. These were held at Liverpool, Rooty Hill and Gosford respectively. These free trauma seminars were held in the evening from 4.30pm to 8pm, including a light super break. There was a combined total of 169 attendees to the three evenings, including 85 nurses, 31 doctors, 33 pre-hospital clinicians, 4 allied health clinicians and 14 others. The evaluations from these evenings were very positive as can be seen from the graph to the right (combined data from the three seminars).

NSW ITIM has begun planning similar Trauma Evenings to be held in 2008 at various locations across greater metropolitan Sydney ([more details](#)).



Upcoming NSW ITIM Trauma Education:

23rd January 2008. "Trauma Evening - Sutherland." Tradies, Gympie.

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

12-13th February 2008. "AIS 2005 Injury Scaling Uses and Techniques Course." Northern Sydney Education Centre ([more details](#)).

Currently in planning:

- 12th March 2008. Trauma Evening - Maitland.
- 19th March 2008. Trauma Evening - Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
- 18th April 2008. Allied Health and Rehabilitation Trauma Seminar - Homebush
- 23rd May 2008. Rural Trauma Education - Port Macquarie

Upcoming External Provider Education:

- Austrama 2008. 14-16th February 2008. Darling Harbour ([more details](#)).
- Society of Trauma Nurses 11th Annual Conference. 9-11th April 2008. New Orleans ([more details](#))
- SWAN XVI Trauma Conference. 25-26th July 2008. Liverpool Hospital ([more details](#)).
- 2008 Rural Critical Care Conference. 22-23rd August 2008. Batemans Bay ([more details](#)).

Seasons Greetings:

The team at NSW ITIM would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

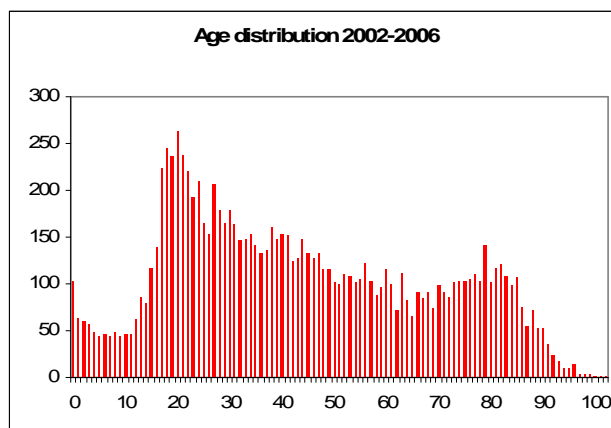
Thankyou to everybody for your support during the this year we looked forward to working closely with you again in 2008. Be safe and be well during the Christmas holiday break.



The Profile of Serious to Critical Injuries - Age Distribution:

The age distribution of serious to critical injuries has remained consistent each year in the NSW Trauma Registry. Injured people aged between 15 and 44 years have been the most heavily represented group in the data. For the five year period from 2002 to 2006 this group represented almost 50% of all people injured with an ISS > 15.

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.



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

Trauma Clinical Practice Guidelines:

The development of Adult Trauma Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) on Maxillo-Facial Trauma, Anterior Abdominal Stab Wounds and Compartment Syndrome will be in the final stages early next year. The project has received a boost recently with employment of a project manager to commence in early January.



Electronic versions of the published documents are available on the NSW ITIM website in the [ITIM Trauma Guidelines](#) section.

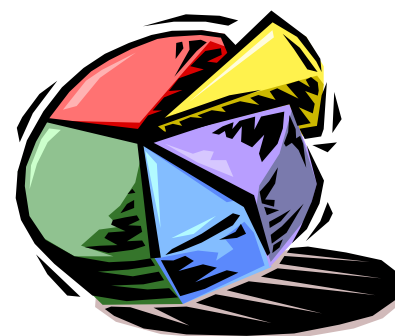
Trauma Team Training

The Trauma Team Training course, run regularly at the Sydney Medical Simulation Centre during 2007 to targeted experienced trauma clinicians, will continue in 2008 with Dr. Duncan Reed (Trauma Director, Gosford Hospital) taking on the role as the Medical Team Leader.

The course program is currently being refined. There is also plans for involvement from regional participants, and the development of a CD/DVD based education package for use in the area health services.

NSW Trauma Minimum Data Set

NSW ITIM is currently evaluating new database software for use as the statewide standard for the NSW Trauma Registry. The goal of this project is to establish a secure web-based statewide trauma register of serious to critically injured patients. The register will be initially used by hospital trauma service staff to capture, manage and provide reports on trauma patient data and will be used by the NSW ITIM Trauma Data Manager to manage and extract data for patients with serious to critical injuries. It is also planned that trauma clinicians in rural areas will have access to the software to record their own trauma minimum data set.



The expected benefits include minimising duplication of hospital trauma registers in NSW Health and to standardise the trauma data environment within NSW Health.

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