



Statement of Support - Trauma Verification impact on trauma care

The under-signed Colleges fully support the 2018 National Road Safety Strategy (NRSS) Report which identifies Trauma Verification as being an integral part of improved trauma outcomes in Australasia addressing the fifth pillar of the WHO Global Plan for Road Safety (post-crash care).

The Colleges strongly uphold the NRSS findings which endorse the NSW Institute of Trauma and Injury Management (ITIM) recommendation to government to mandate and fund trauma verification for all major trauma services every five years as an effective step in improving the quality of trauma care across Australasia.

Trauma Verification benchmarks against international standards of care and has a beneficial impact on health management including:

- Decreasing length of stay in ICU
- Reduced expenditure
- Decreased mortality and morbidity rates
- Improving patient outcomes
- Defined specific trauma education and training needs
- Greater focus on trauma care within the hospital

The Australasian Trauma Verification Program is a multi-disciplinary trauma initiative coordinated by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and supported by the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine, Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, Australasian Trauma Society and College of Intensive Care Medicine.

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