

PRESS RELEASE

Launch of Major Trauma Audit National Report 2014-2015 At the National Patient Safety/Clinical Effectiveness Conference

8th December 2016 The Minister for Health, Simon Harris, TD launched the first Major Trauma Audit National Report 2014-2015. NOCA is an independent body that carries out national clinical audits in the healthcare system. The launch coincides with the endorsement of Major Trauma Audit (MTA) as the first national clinical audit from the National Clinical Effectiveness Committee (NCEC). The NCEC provides a mechanism of endorsement of clinical audit mandated by the Minister for Health.

The National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) announced the Major Trauma Audit National Report 2014-2015 at the National Patient Safety/Clinical Effectiveness Conference held in Dublin Castle. The MTA National Report focuses specifically on the most severely injured patients in the Irish healthcare system. It presents findings from MTA in 2014 and 2015, and examines data from a total of 6185 patients. This report is the first report published by MTA and includes 24 trauma receiving hospitals which commenced at staggered periods over 2014/2015.

The aim of the MTA is to monitor care and drive quality improvement to achieve the best possible clinical outcomes for trauma patients in Ireland. This report informs policymakers, hospital management and a wide range of healthcare professionals about how well trauma care is delivered in Irish hospitals. Using this data at a local level, each hospital can improve the quality of care they deliver and nationally this data enables strategic planning for the future development of care of trauma patients in Ireland.

KEY FINDINGS

- MTA highlights a high incidence of older patients sustaining major trauma – 40% of patients were 65 years of age or older, 75% of which sustained a fall less than 2 metres.
- Fifty-four (54%) of major trauma patients were between the ages of 16-64 years. This group accounts for the largest proportion of patients suffering major trauma and results in a high cost burden to the healthcare system and to society.
- Thirty percent (30%) of patients had to be transferred to another hospital for on-going care as their care needs could not be provided by the initial receiving hospital.
- Fifty-eight percent (58%) of patients arrived to the Emergency Department between 4pm-8am.
- Thirty-five percent (35%) of major trauma patients had multiple injuries.

There are now all 26 trauma receiving hospitals participating in MTA in Ireland, which will ensure that data completeness levels increase for future MTA national reports.

The MTA Clinical Lead, Dr Conor Deasy is delighted to announce the first Major Trauma Audit report – ‘Major Trauma Audit National Report 2014-2015’. The NOCA Hospital Relations Manager and MTA Clinical Lead will be available for comment after the presentation of the report at 2.15pm.

NOCA was established in 2012 to create sustainable clinical audit programmes at national level. NOCA enables those who manage and deliver healthcare to improve the quality of care through national clinical audit.

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Copies of the report will be available to download from www.noca.ie/publications
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