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Trauma Registry Information Specialists of Canada (TRISC)
Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2021 from 11:30-16:00 EST (08:30-13:00 PST)
Held via Zoom

Chairperson: Jennifer McMillan, TRISC President

Minute Taker: Deanna Fong, TRISC Secretary

Present: Johanna Atienza-Serrano, Laura Bourdage, Cindy Bouwsema, Clara Chan, Tanya Charyk-Stewart, Allison Chisholm, Cynthia Dettloff, Claire Ewatski, Deanna Fong, Christina Francke, Katherine Girotti, Linda-Mae Grey, Mike Hoppensack, Crystal Kearley, Heather Knight, Kaylee Kwiek, Sukhi Lally, Joshua LeBlanc, Cynthia Ma, Amanda McFarlan, Suzanne McKenzie, Jennifer McMillan, Sharon Minkley, Elisa Mong, Jenny Nguyen, Andrea Phillips, Anne Pott, Johanne Prud'homme, Alma Rados, Erin Shangguan, Karen Ssezzaba, Joanna Szpakowski, Jaimini Thakore, Karen Watson, Dori Williams, Desiree Young

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting started at 08:30 and was led by Jennifer McMillan, chairperson and TRISC President. Round table introductions were done.

The business meeting was called to order at 08:50.

2. Approval of Agenda – April 15, 2021

The meeting agenda was approved by Johanne Prud'homme

3. Approval of Minutes – November 26, 2020

There were no errors or omissions noted for the 2020 TRISC AGM minutes, which were therefore approved as distributed.

4. TRISC Executive Updates

4.1. Jennifer McMillan provided an introduction of the current executive:

4.1.1. *Allison Chisholm, Past President*
Deanna Fong, Secretary and President Elect
Amanda McFarlan, TAC BOD Representative
Jennifer McMillan, President
Johanne Prud'homme, Member at Large
Karen Ssebazza, Member at Large

4.2. Information was provided on the 2022-2024 executive election – executive positions are open to all TRISC members.

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5. Trauma Association of Canada (TAC) Sub Committee Updates

5.1. TAC Board of Directors (BOD)

5.1.1. Amanda McFarlan provided an update as the TRISC representative on the TAC BOD.

5.1.1.1. Amanda explained her role as our TAC BOD representative, and highlighted the ongoing work in her portfolio as it aligns with the TAC mission statement.

5.1.1.2. Noted a number of board executive roles will be open next year and encouraged involvement.

5.1.1.3. TAC Membership – huge increase in numbers, great access with virtual conference platform.

5.1.1.4. Membership survey – has been posted on the site. Current TTL group survey in progress.

5.1.1.5. Finance – Tax status has been confirmed. A few registrants were charged tax on their conference fees – these will be refunded.

5.1.1.6. Website – significant improvements have been made to the TAC website this year. Please communicate any issues.

5.1.1.7. Education committee – biweekly education rounds for TAC Members. Watch for education platform coming to the TAC site in the future.

5.1.1.8. Accreditation – currently being done by Accreditation Canada, there is a working group exploring engagement. Currently quite separate from TAC.

5.1.1.9. Injury prevention – strong representation at conference. Currently doing an environmental scan of what is happening across Canada

5.1.1.10. Pediatric group – upcoming education session on April 28th.

5.1.1.11. ITNC – held two education events this past year.

5.1.1.12. Lerners research group – year 2 of a 5-year partnership with Lerners LLP to provide a $5000 grant annually in support of trauma research.

5.1.1.13. 2022 Conference host city is Montreal – hopeful for an in person component, but there will be virtual access in either case.

5.2. Performance Improvement Committee (TACPIC)

5.2.1. Amanda shared an update on TACPIC:

The focus of the multi-disciplinary TACPIC group is performance improvement across the country. This is done through review of both TQIP data (as a sub-set of TACPIC members) – including sharing of guidelines as QI Initiatives; as well as national risk

6. President's Report

6.1. Membership

6.1.1. There are currently 35 TRISC members (TRISC and combined ITNC-TRISC) as of March 2021.

Benefits of membership include:

- Connection: Stay connected with trauma registrars in Canada
- Access: Membership includes access to past TRISC presentations, group case studies, online forum, TRISC resources, TAC presentations (including recent virtual conference), etc.
- Savings: Members save on TAC conference fees
- Prizes: Awards are available for TRISC Posters and Open Papers.

6.2. TRISC Executive Goals for Current Term

The goals of the TRISC executive were presented as:

Highlight and promote the trauma information specialist profession
Provide a way to collaborate with others in our profession across the country
Be the central source for Canadian trauma registry information

6.3. TRISC Executive Projects for Current Term

The projects for the TRISC executive were presented as:

Update TRISC Terms of Reference
TRISC Newsletter(s)
Canadian Trauma Registry Data Dictionary Repository
Case Studies for Members
Participation in National Benchmarking Study
Development of national data standards (potential with TACPIC)

6.3.1. Canadian Trauma Registry Data Dictionary Repository

Discussion was had surrounding the creation of a central repository for info on trauma registry data collection, as there is currently no national source. This could be achieved by gathering site and/or provincial trauma registry dictionaries from across the country for consolidation. This would be open to all trauma registries and trauma information specialists who are interested in participating. Organization plan and invitation to participate will be sent out to all members.

6.3.2. Case Studies for Members

TRISC case studies are submitted by members, held via zoom, with the purpose of discussing data collection and coding with peers across the country. The first case study was held in February 2021, which was a pelvic fracture. Today we will discuss a polytrauma case. Next TBD – watch for a call for submissions.

6.3.3. Participation in National Benchmarking Study

Many sites have participated and submitted data to the study. The collection of comorbidity and complications differs across provinces/sites, creating an opportunity for review.

Categorization of ICD10 CA complication and comorbidity codes has been completed.

TRISC is seeking trauma information specialists to review comorbidity/complication ICD10CA codes and menu driven choices so that data can be collated and compared in a meaningful way.

More information to follow to TRISC members.

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7. TRISC/ITNC Polytrauma Case Study

7.1. The TRISC group joined our ITNC colleagues for a joint presentation with interdisciplinary breakout discussions.

8. **TRISC Polytrauma Case Study**

8.1. The TRISC group reconvened for an interactive discussion of the coding for the case study.

9. AIS Highlights from AAAM

9.1. Presentation by Kathy Cookman, AIS Business Director/ International Technical Coordinator AAAM including:

9.1.1. AIS History, Uses, Purpose, Dictionaries (inc 2015 revisions)
9.1.2. AIS Courses – 2008/2015, AIS Academy, Cracking the Code, Understanding AIS
9.1.3. CAISS Credentials/Certification Process
9.1.4. Questions & Answers

10. ESO #InventingTheFuture of Trauma Registry

10.1. Presentation by Garrett Hall, Director of Registry Programs, ESO including:

10.1.1. Overview of ESO and current software holdings
10.1.2. ESO research collaborative
10.1.3. Registry integration activities
10.1.4. New/future patient registry

11. Canadian Benchmarking Project Update

11.1. Presentation by Jaimini Thakore, TACPIC Co-chair including:

11.1.1. Research protocol
11.1.2. Sites currently involved
11.1.3. Preliminary results
11.1.4. Discussion of national minimum data sets vs standards
11.1.5. Open to further submissions by June

12. Closing Remarks

The meeting was adjourned at 13:05