Trauma Association of Canada
Association Canadienne de Traumatologie

Trauma Registry Information Specialists of Canada

**TRISC Annual Meeting**
**April 10, 2013**
**Nordic Room, Westin, Whistler BC**

**Minutes**

Chairperson: Nasira Lakha

Present: M. Brennan, S. Mckenzie, D. Williams, M. Mercado, N. Farrow, K. Fichter, L. Grey, R. Herrick, H. Knight, R. Martinez, F. Myndzak, A. Pott, J. Pou, J. Prudhomme, J. Szpakowski, D. Fong
Teleconference: B. Sealy, S. Lally, A. Rados, D. Young, A. Chisholm, C. Whitfield, P. Sidhom, Z. Rurka, D. Marr, V. Macfawn, V. Manuel, K. Hartlen, S. Minkley

1. Welcome and Introduction
   Everyone was welcomed by Nasira Lakha, chairperson. Round table introductions were made.

2. Business Meeting
   - 2.1 Approval of Agenda
     The agenda was approved by members present.
   - 2.2 Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2012
     Add Allison Chisholm as an attendee of the 2012 TRISC day. Minutes were approved members present.
   - 2.3 Membership and Treasurer Report
     M. Mercado reported that there are currently 34 members for 2013. There is currently $5,997 in the TRISC account.
   - 2.4 Sub-committee Updates
     - 2.4.1 TAC 2014 Planning Committee
       TAC 2014 date in Montreal is still to be finalized; members may look at the TAC website for updates.
     - 2.4.2 NTRAC – NTR Update
       P. Sidhom gave background regarding the decision made by the Ministry on the closing of NTR as of the end of March 2014. Closure is due to a budget issue; a result of a reduction in funding and a need for cost savings. This decision was made after reviewing all CIHI programs and data bases, and after obtaining feedback from stakeholders. The comprehensive data (CDS) will remain available through CIHI for research via special request. The 2012/13 fiscal year will be the final call for data submission. Stay tuned for a decision as to where NTR data will be housed in the future at the NTRAC meeting this Saturday, April 13, 2013.

M. Brennan reported on the TAC Strategic Planning meeting that was held a couple of weeks ago in Toronto. 15 people attended (12 MDs and 3 ITNC members) and it was encouraging to see the level of support for the data set. Co-chair N. Yanchar is willing to advocate and campaign for this issue and as well look at the cost of NTRAC housing the CDS. Options for housing the data were presented, such as; Canadian sites to submit files directly to NTDB, data to be housed under TAC or CIHR, or for each province to maintain and house their own data. Further discussion on this topic is to be held at the upcoming TAC Executive and NTRAC meetings.

2.4.3 TAC Executive Committee

N. Lakha asked the group what questions they would like to ask at TAC Executive meeting.

Discussions again came up in regards to the closure of NTR.

James Pou stated that whatever Canada decided, DI will continue to support provinces at a technical level in regards to any kind of data format submission. NTDB was deemed to be a choice by some in the group as it is tied to the verification process and has built a good model. M. Brennan emphasized the value of media attention regarding the closing of the NTR and the search for funding to move forward. N. Lakha encouraged members to voice thoughts and to participate in the process.

2.4.4 TAC Performance Improvement & Patient Safety (PIPS) Committee

The PIPS group has been collating a list of PI projects across the country. Following this the plan is to upload this to the TAC/ITNC section of the TAC website.

TOPIC course was a great success in Toronto. Changes have been made to the curriculum and interest expressed in bringing the course to Montreal.

2.4.5 Accreditation Update

Work continues between Accreditation Canada and TAC to move the accreditation process under AC.

2.5 TRISC page on TAC website

M. Mercado showed the group the sample of the TRISC blog on the TAC website. Because there are different topics that all analysts might be asking, the TRISC executive decided to assign delegates to post final decisions on each of the topics. N. Lakha encouraged all TRISC members to use the blog for any questions they may have and to also approach the delegates should any members wish to become delegates as well.

2.6 Bylaw Changes approval

The document was sent to all members to review. N. Lakha asked all members to accept the changes. All members both present and via teleconference were in favor.

3. Review of Abdominal Injuries and sample cases

Dr. R. Brown gave an interesting and informative presentation on blunt and penetrating abdominal injuries. M. Brennan reviewed a couple of associated cases. Members may look at the TRISC website for the presentation and case reviews.

4. TRISC Rapid Fire Sessions
   Jessica McKee presented on Open Abdomen Database
   Joanna Szpakowski presented on History of the Trauma Program at Royal Columbian Hospital
   Dori Williams and Rocio Martinez presented on Special Project: Injury Translation

   All members were asked to evaluate the presentations and the winner of the rapid fire session will be determined towards the end of the day.

5. NTR CDS Data Dictionary common questions
   P. Sidhom stated that due to the closing of the NTR, new data elements from the Data Dictionary will not be implemented in the final CDS submission; any new values will be built in and incorporated. A couple of common questions were identified and discussed.

6. Rapid Fire Sessions with TRISC and ITNC
   The group joined the ITNC group for the rapid fire sessions.

7. Brainstorming session on "What our final report from NTR should look like?"
   M. Brennan led a brief brainstorming session and members put forward some of their thoughts.

8. Evaluations and wrap up
   The meeting was adjourned and members were asked to complete the evaluations.