Trauma News Winter 2024

Trauma Association of Canada (TAC) - Interdisciplinary Trauma Network of Canada (ITNC)

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ITNC Day-TAC Halifax 2024

Save the date: May 8th, 2024, for ITNC Day!

The TAC 2024 Scientific Conference will be in Halifax on May 9-10

Annual Scientific Meeting & Conference
Rising Tide:
Innovations in Practice & Care

On the ITNC Day agenda this year:

Several networking activities
Exchange on innovative projects carried out across Canada in adults, peds, IP, military.
Code Orange simulation activity
Joint ITNC-TRISC-TACPIC* meeting: improving trauma registry data collection.

Register at: https://www.traumacanada.org/tac-conference-information/

*TRISC: Trauma Information Specialists of Canada; TACPIC: TAC Performance Improvement Committee

Celebrate the ITNC 25th anniversary.

To mark the occasion, we would like you to help us go back in time. Send statements or pictures to ITNCexec@traumacanada.org

- What led you to choose trauma as your field of practice?
- Photos of you in practice or during ITNC-TAC meetings from 1999 to now.

*Photos will be used for a presentation at the ITNC day in Halifax.

Call for Rapid Fire Presentation

Would you like to share a quality improvement project or an innovation from your trauma centre during ITNC day?

Submit your abstract (150 words or less) to:
ITNCexec@traumacanada.org
Deadline: April 5, 2024

Submitted abstracts should be original work, and not accepted to the general TAC conference as an oral or poster presentation.

Call for Nominations

Four positions are open for the ITNC 2024-2025 Executive Committee:

- Present elect
- Secretary
- Two members at large

We are looking for nominations across Canada

ITNC Executive Nomination Form will be sent to members in the week of March 4

Deadline for nomination: April 5, 2024
Online voting will be from April 8 to April 21, 2024

ITNC Executive 2023-2024

Mélanie Bérubé (President)
Angie Brisson (Past president)
Jo-Ann Hnatiuk (Secretary)
Deanna Fong (TRISC)
Liane Boisvert (Pediatrics)
Joanne Sadler (IP)
Alison Armstrong (Member at large)
Amanda McFarlan (Member at large)
Lori Milton (Member at large)
Valérie Turcotte (Member at large)

Summary of the Fall 2023 Webinar

Standardizing Trauma Nursing Practice: Where do I start?

By: Jo-Ann Hnatiuk (Provincial Lead Clinical Initiatives and Programs, Trauma Services, British Columbia)
Lori Milton (Clinical educator, Interior Health, British Columbia)

- On November 25th, 2023, more than 40 members attended a collaborative and engaging educational session in which clinical experts discussed the fundamental pillars that have been identified as defining nursing practice competencies in the care of the injured patient across the care continuum. The aim was to provide support for networks and educators and discuss ideas on how to obtain funding to support bedside nurse education. We discussed possible models of approach, in situ expert lead education days, mentorship in place for clinical practice educators, and broad dissemination of practice expectations through multiple channels.
- For more information on the content of this webinar, please contact Jo-Ann (joann.hnatiuk@phsa.ca) or Lori (lori.milton@interiorhealth.ca)

Summary of the Winter 2024 Webinar

American College of Surgeons Trauma Center Verification Process

By: Corey Freedman (Manager, Trauma Services, Tory Trauma Program, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre)
Amanda McFarlane (Manager, Trauma Services, St-Michael's Hospital)

- On February 14th, 2024, more than 50 members of ITNC, TAPIC and TAC attended a webinar describing their experience regarding the American College of Surgeons Verification, Review, and Consultation (ACS VRC) process. The ACS VRC program is a comprehensive review process designed to assess a trauma program's commitment, readiness, resources, policies, patient care, and performance improvement.

- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre (Corey) and Unity Health St-Michael's Hospital (Amanda) both recently achieved ACS VRC Level I Trauma Verification. Their presentation covered the ACS VRC standards, how the standards are structured, nuances in the Canadian Trauma system that need to be considered when applying for ACS VRC, and data registry considerations. Amanda and Corey gave an overview of the results of their consultation visits and described how they addressed deficiencies identified by the ACS review team.

- Both sites highlighted the benefits of seeking verification including improved trauma care, team culture, trauma program visibility and stature and how the process can support leveraging resources for trauma. They also shared some of the challenges including the significant investment of time and energy in site visit preparation and workload, logistics and scheduling and getting provider buy-in. The group asked great questions and it was a great opportunity for our Canadian trauma community to talk about our commitment to excellent trauma care.

- Corey and Amanda presentation will be available soon on the TAC website under the Members section.

Injury Prevention News – Join us for an interactive media workshop at the TAC Conference

Does Injury Have a PR Problem? Presented by Dr. Kirsten Weerdenburg

May 10, 11:05-12:05pm

Dr. Weerdenburg is a Pediatric ED Physician and TTL at IWK in Halifax. She has a degree in medical journalism and is hosting an interactive workshop aimed towards those working in trauma who are interested in injury prevention advocacy.

The objectives of the session are:

1. Explore reasons why injury prevention doesn't always appeal to the public.
2. Learn about the role of medical journalism in advocacy.
3. Develop some strategies to advocate for injury prevention through different forms of media.

Everyone has a voice and a role in injury prevention. We look forward to seeing members of the ITNC community there!