



# Queensland Trauma Symposium

20 and 21 August 2026

RBWH Education Centre  
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital  
Butterfield Street, Herston, Brisbane

## DRAFT PROGRAM

Thursday 20 August 2026

8:00am - 4:00pm	<b>Queensland Trauma Education Workshop</b> Location: RBWH Education Centre, Seminar Rooms
8:00am - 4:00pm	<b>Beyond the hospital - modern trauma care for Queenslanders</b> Location: RBWH Education Centre, Auditorium
8:30am - 12:00pm	<b>Trauma Care Project Pitch and Expert Feedback Forum</b> Location: Frazer Institute Auditorium (former UQCCR Auditorium)
5:00 - 6:15pm	<b>Kenneth Jamieson Lecture</b> Location: RBWH Education Centre, Auditorium   Chair: <i>Dr David Rosengren</i> , Director General, Queensland Health
6:15 - 8:00pm	<b>Networking, drinks and canapes</b> Location: RBWH Education Centre Foyer

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7:30 - 8:00am	<b>Registrations open</b>
7:30 - 8:00am	<b>Poster Judging: Group 1</b>   Location: RBWH Education Centre Foyer
8:00 - 8:30am	<b>Symposium Welcome Session</b> Location: Auditorium
8:00 - 8:05am	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>
8:05 - 8:15am	<b>Event Welcome</b>   Convenors: <i>Dr Carl Lisee, Prof Fran Williamson and Prof Michael Schuetz</i>
8:15 - 8:30am	<b>Official Event Opening</b>   TBC
8:30 - 9:30am	<b>Plenary 1 - Are you ready for 2032</b> Location: Auditorium   Chairs: <i>Di Bretherton and Michael Muller</i>  This session asks a critical question: are we ready for 2032? Using insights from large-scale events, presenters will examine the rising volume and complexity of trauma presentations that accompany major gatherings and the resulting pressures placed on health systems, emergency services, and the broader community. The discussion will explore preparedness, surge capacity, and the evolving demands these events create as we look toward the next decade of mass-scale challenges.
9:30 - 10:30am	<b>Plenary 2 - Contested ground - controversies in trauma management</b> Location: Auditorium   Chairs: <i>Alistair Hamilton and Michael Schuetz</i>
9:30 - 9:45am	<b>Interventional Radiology for haemorrhage: right patient, right time</b>
9:45 - 10:00am	<b>Time-critical Craniotomy in Regional Queensland</b>
10:00 - 10:15am	<b>Blunt Cardiac Injury Screening and Pathways</b>
10:15 - 10:30am	<b>Discussion</b>
10:30 - 11:00am	<b>Morning Tea</b>

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11:00 - 12:15pm	<b>Session 1 - Haemorrhage to Haemostasis: Transfusion in Trauma</b> Location: Auditorium   Chairs: Fran Williamson and TBC	11:00 - 12:15pm	<b>Session 2 - Free Paper Presentations</b> Location: Seminar Rooms   Chairs: Michael Handy and TBC
11:00 - 11:30am	<b>Evolution of prehospital transfusion - from Mastodons to Elephants</b>   Dan Bodnar and Robbie Ley Graves	11:00 - 11:10am	
		11:10 - 11:20am	
		11:20 - 11:30am	
11:30 - 11:45am	<b>Is ROTEM always right</b>   Akmez Latona	11:30 - 11:40am	
		11:40 - 11:50am	
11:45 - 12:00pm	<b>Linking prehospital coagulation across prehospital providers</b>   Ellie Kitkat	11:50 - 12:00pm	
		12:00 - 12:10pm	
12:00 - 12:15pm	<b>Discussion</b>	12:10 - 12:15pm	<b>Question time</b>
12:15 - 1:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>		
12:40 - 1:00pm	<b>Poster Judging: Group 2</b>   Location: RBWH Education Centre Foyer		
1:00 - 2:15pm	<b>Session 3 - Masterclass in Chest Wall Injury Management</b> Location: Auditorium   Chairs: Michael Muller and TBC	1:00 - 2:15pm	<b>Session 4 - Beyond Survival: A Holistic Approach to Trauma Recovery</b> Location: Seminar Rooms   Chairs: Anna Grant, Tanya Smyth and Matt Scott
	This session presents challenging chest wall injury cases representing the most adverse scenario, using it to explore when surgical fixation is clearly indicated and other cases when non-operative management may be appropriate. Faculty will discuss how to select the optimal fixation approach by weighing the advantages and disadvantages of each option, choosing the optimal blocks, highlight practical strategies for managing complications and executing effective salvage when outcomes deviate from plan.		This session presents the state-of-the-art in holistic trauma care in Queensland, reflecting the work across the state, including regional perspectives, and highlighting the alignment with work in other states and international standards. Advances in trauma care have significantly improved survival following injury. However, for many survivors, the greatest challenges emerge after discharge, during recovery in the community. This session will explore trauma recovery through a holistic, person and family centred lens, highlighting functional and psychosocial impacts that extend well beyond physical healing. Drawing on statewide clinical initiatives, lived experience perspectives, and regional models of care, the session will focus on how trauma services can better support recovery across Queensland, including in settings with limited resources.
2:15 - 2:55pm	<b>Plenary 3 - Elevating Trauma Care: Nursing and Allied Health Innovation in Action</b> Location: Auditorium   Chairs: Sue Laracy and Melinda Lengren		
	This session highlights the unique and essential contributions of nursing and allied health professionals in trauma care, showcasing the specialised skill sets, innovations, and quality-improvement initiatives that drive better patient outcomes. Through real-world examples and emerging practices, presenters will explore how these teams shape the patient journey from initial assessment to recovery, and how their leadership, adaptability, and collaborative approaches continue to elevate standards of trauma care.		
2:55 - 3:15pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		
3:15 - 4:30pm	<b>Plenary 4 - Regional Trauma Forum</b> Location: Auditorium   Chairs: Trent Lipp and Oonagh Mitchell		
3:15 - 3:30pm	<b>Paediatric trauma care in regional Queensland: Managing mangled limbs</b>   Oonagh Mitchell		
3:30 - 3:45pm	<b>Coordinating care across distances: A rural trauma case</b>   Felicity Gilbert		
3:45 - 4:00pm	<b>Elderly Trauma Care in Regional Settings: Indications and Challenges in Transfer for Non-Operative Management</b>		
4:00 - 4:30pm	<b>Discussion: The transfer trap, one pathway, multiple barriers</b>		
4:30 - 5:00pm	<b>Trauma Care in Queensland: A Vision for the Next 20 Years</b> Location: Auditorium   Moderator: Prof Gerry Fitzgerald		
	This expert panel will explore Trauma Care in Queensland: A Vision for the Next 20 Years, bringing together leaders from across the system to examine how trauma services must evolve to meet the needs of a growing and changing population. Panellists will discuss future models of care, regional equity, system integration, and the innovations required to strengthen outcomes across the state.		
5:00 - 5:10pm	<b>Symposium Closing Session</b> Location: Auditorium   Convenors: Prof Michael Schuetz and Prof Fran Williamson		