

Trauma Care in Regional, Rural and Remote Queensland Research Symposium

DATE & TIME

Thursday 20Aug 2026
12:00–5:00 pm

VENUE

Frazer Institute Auditorium
Building 71 RBWH Campus, Herston

This symposium will bring together clinicians, researchers and partners to explore how research is improving trauma care across regional, rural and remote Queensland.

Co-hosted by the Emergency Medicine Foundation (EMF) and the Jamieson Trauma Institute (JTI), it will feature updates from projects funded through EMF's Trauma Care Program, along with a panel discussion on research priorities and opportunities to improve access to and the quality of emergency trauma care across Queensland.

EMF and JTI gratefully acknowledge the Motor Accident Insurance Commission (MAIC) for their support for the Trauma Care in Regional, Rural and Remote Queensland program.

PROGRAM

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
1:00 pm	WELCOME AND OPENING	
1:00 pm	Welcome and opening	Dr Angie Nguyen Vu General Manager, EMF
1:05 pm	EMF perspective	Prof Hugh Grantham Board Chair, EMF
1:10 pm	JTI perspective	Prof Michael Schuetz Director, JTI
1:15 pm	MAIC perspective	Gaenor Walker Acting Insurance Commissioner
1:20 pm	SESSION 1 - RESEARCH OUTCOMES AND EMERGING FINDINGS	
1:20 pm	Project presentation and Q&A: REMAIN <i>Interhospital transfer of mTBI in rural and remote Queensland – can “low-value” transfers be avoided?</i>	Dr Clinton Gibbs Retrieval Services Queensland
1:40 pm	Project presentation and Q&A: REPRIEVE <i>Rural/Remote Emergency Pain Relief Investigation and Evaluation</i>	Stephanie Nixon Prof Kerriane Watt Queensland Ambulance Service
2:05 pm	Project presentation and Q&A <i>Evaluating the coverage, characteristics and enablers of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) telehealth, medical chest and aeromedical retrieval model of trauma care</i>	Dr Megan Hobbs Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section)



PROGRAM – CONTINUED

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
2:25 pm	SESSION 2 – BUILDING RESEARCH CAPACITY IN TRAUMA CARE	
2:25 pm	Project presentation and Q&A: ROUGE <i>Evaluating the effectiveness of pre-hospital fibrinogen concentrate administration for major haemorrhage</i>	Dr Eleanor Kitcatt Retrieval Services Queensland
2:40 pm	Scholarship presentation	Roberta Ridolfi Retrieval Services Queensland
2:45 pm	Scholarship presentation	Tara Pidgeon Retrieval Services Queensland
2:50 pm	Special presentation: <i>Establishing trauma research capability at Townsville University Hospital</i>	Anna Grant Breeanna Spring Townsville University Hospital

3:00–3:30 pm AFTERNOON TEA

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
3:30 pm	SESSION 3 - NEW RESEARCH, PATIENT EXPERIENCE AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS	
3:30 pm	Project presentation and Q&A: Trauma-NQ <i>Trauma Research and Analysis in the Understanding of Major Accidents in North Queensland (2022–2025)</i>	Dr Amanda McConnell Cairns Hospital
3:40 pm	Project presentation and Q&A <i>Evaluating the perceived and economic value of the RFDS (Queensland Section)'s Medical Chest Service for Regional and Remote Emergency Care</i>	Elizabeth Doran Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section)
3:50 pm	A trauma patient's experience	David Bowes Health consumer
4:00 pm	Panel discussion <i>Priorities for future research investment to improve trauma care in regional, rural and remote Queensland: technology and remote support, health service redesign or clinical research?</i>	Chair: Prof Hugh Grantham Panel members: David Bowes Dr Clinton Gibbs Anna Grant Dr Bridget Honan Dr Matt Masel Matthew Waugh
4:50 pm	Wrap-up	Dr Angie Nguyen Vu General Manager, EMF

Program subject to change.

