

The Queensland Health Patient Safety and Quality Executive Committee (PSQEC) met on April 6 2009. Key discussions and outcomes included:

The Trauma Clinical Bypass Protocols were presented to the PSQEC by the Statewide Trauma Network. These were developed in conjunction with the State Trauma plan and contain two elements:

- Bypass of badly injured patients to a major trauma centre within 45 minutes of the site of injury, and
- Early notification of the Queensland Coordination centre to get advice about transfer and treatment of patients suffering a major trauma.

Bypass Protocols were developed based on clinical signs and symptoms, the mechanism and location of the injury and the paramedics report. Minor amendments were recommended and the Protocols will be represented for endorsement.

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The progress of a number of Emergency Department (ED) Guidelines projects was presented the PSQEC.

The progress of the Emergency Department Guidelines project, the Rural ED project, the Primary Clinical Care Manual update and the rollout of PEMsoft were discussed. The PSQEC recommended Policy and Implementation Standards be developed around ED guidelines, including PEMsoft, that an improved strategy for rollout be developed and that compliance monitoring be undertaken.

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The 2008 Queensland Health Pressure Ulcer Prevalence Audit report was noted. The statewide audit conducted last year showed Pressure Ulcer Prevalence has reduced from 18.4% to 15.2%, but there was a wide range in

district prevalence from 3.1% to 26.7%. The Health Round Table Benchmark is 9%. A Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel is soon to be convened and will examine the report and propose recommendations.

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Accreditation Status of Queensland Health facilities was discussed and an update was given on the progress of the remote HSDs towards gaining accreditation. Consideration needs to be given to exploring alternative methods of gaining certification with particular attention paid to the difficulties associated with rural and remote facility locations. The Central Clinical Governance Unit will explore alternative approaches with the major accrediting bodies.

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Health Service Districts Top 5 Safety and Quality Priorities.

HSDs have been invited to provide details of their top 5 priorities in Safety and Quality, for the purpose of informing future agendas of the PSQEC. Results will be tabled at the May 11 meeting.

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Next meeting scheduled for 11 May 2009.

The revised 3Cs Policy, Implementation Standard and associate documents were endorsed by the PSQEC in an out of session decision.

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