

- **Thank you!** We've recently **completed 1,000 trauma transfers** using the Toll Free Trauma Referral System! The system works best when smaller emergency departments make their first call for assistance to the Toll Free Trauma Referral System. So thank you for your help in making this system work for all New Brunswickers!
- **Welcome** to our new Interim Medical Director – **Dr. Tushar Pishe**. Check out his extensive experience and bio [online](#).
- We recently updated the provincial **Field Trauma Triage Guidelines** used by ANB to guide destination decisions directly from incident sites. Our most recent revision is more sensitive to the needs of pregnant patients, patients who have mechanisms suggestive of crush injury and those with electrocution injuries, and more.
- A provincially consistent approach to not just rapid sequence intubation but also the **post-intubation analgesia and sedation** needs of major trauma patients has been drafted. [Contact us](#) if you are interested in serving as a consultant to this final review.
- Unstable pelvic fractures aren't an everyday occurrence in New Brunswick – there are only about 25 per year. However, this injury presents high risk to patients. That's why we developed a consensus statement on the use of **pelvic binders** ([available online](#)), and are working with our partners to equip all ambulances and emergency departments with this resource. Training sessions are being held this spring with all Emergency Departments, and ANB will begin using a commercially available pelvic binder in June.
- **Happy anniversary to the New Brunswick Trauma Registry!** The registry has been live since April 1, 2014. Our data contains more than 46,600 trauma events – including detailed information on over 4,000 inpatient admissions from across the province.
- The topic of **concussions** has received a lot of news coverage lately. To help make sure that healthcare professionals have easy access to the most up-to-date evidence-based concussion information, we developed a comprehensive **Concussion Awareness Kit**. Hard copies are available and you can download it for free at www.NBTrauma.ca.
- New Brunswick **ski hills** have recognized the potential for serious injury when skiing or riding by implementing **helmet policies** on their hills. With thanks to ski hill operators from across NB, and to the New Brunswick Medical Society for their support. The likelihood of a major head injury while enjoying the slopes has been greatly reduced. We commend the skiers and operators of Poley Mountain, Mont Farlagne, Sugarloaf Mountain and Crabbe Mountain!

Education updates:

- **Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)**® 9th ed. for physicians is offered twice a year in the spring and fall in English at the Saint John Regional Hospital. We're also working to support at least one course in French per year. The Regional MACs of both Horizon and Vitalite Health Networks have approved a requirement for all physicians working in Emergency Departments to be current in ATLS by the end of 2019. As always, physicians are welcome to take the internationally recognized ATLS anywhere in the world for their certification.
- **Trauma Nursing Core Course® (TNCC)** 7th edition introduced new additional material plus component of e-learning whereby the participant must study five modules prior to attending full course. Course dates are planned a year in advance with registration via our [website](#).
- **Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC)**® 4th edition has recently been released by American College Surgeons Committee on Trauma. Three courses are planned and scheduled provincially each spring and fall. Check our website for upcoming course dates and locations.
- **Provincial Trauma Rounds** – continue to be presented locally at Saint John Regional Hospital and The Moncton Hospital and shared via WebEx between September and May of each year.
- **Maritime Trauma and Emergency Medicine Conference 2017** – great participant response from our last conference, so we decided another was needed. Look for this maritime flavour educational opportunity in fall 2017!

Have any feedback or great ideas? Need more info on any of the above? Check us out online at www.NBTrauma.ca, call 648-8040 or email us at NBTrauma@HorizonNB.ca.

