



Trauma Education: a Multidisciplinary Interface

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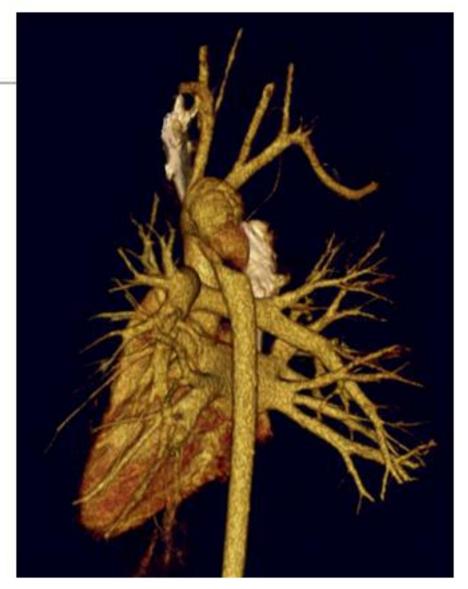
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The Nature of Work in the Emergency Department

- Large departments have or require a great number of staff.
- High turn-over of staff both nursing and medical (?? Allied health).
- Trauma management seems to be "popular" – more staff interested.
- Unusual pathology.

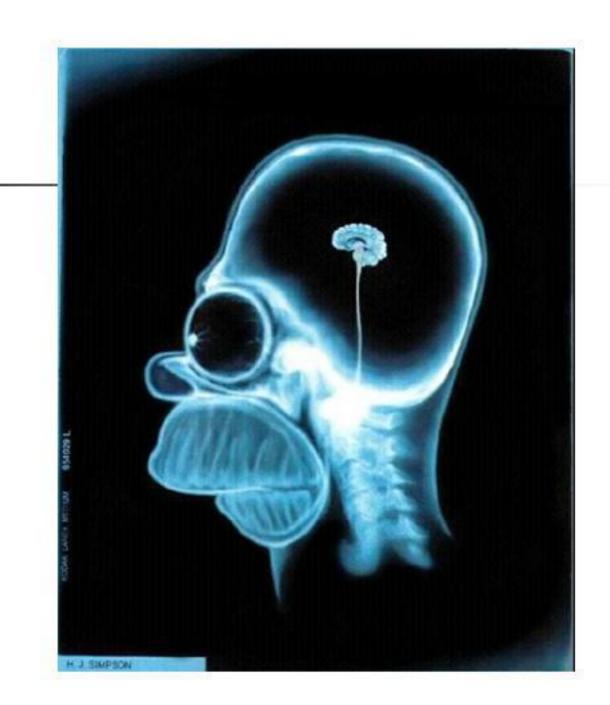






Junior Staff in Resuscitation Roles

- Staff shortages in health care in general - both nursing and medical.
- Hence the necessity for staff to participate in middle level, or senior roles.
- Mentorship and supervision must be adhered to.





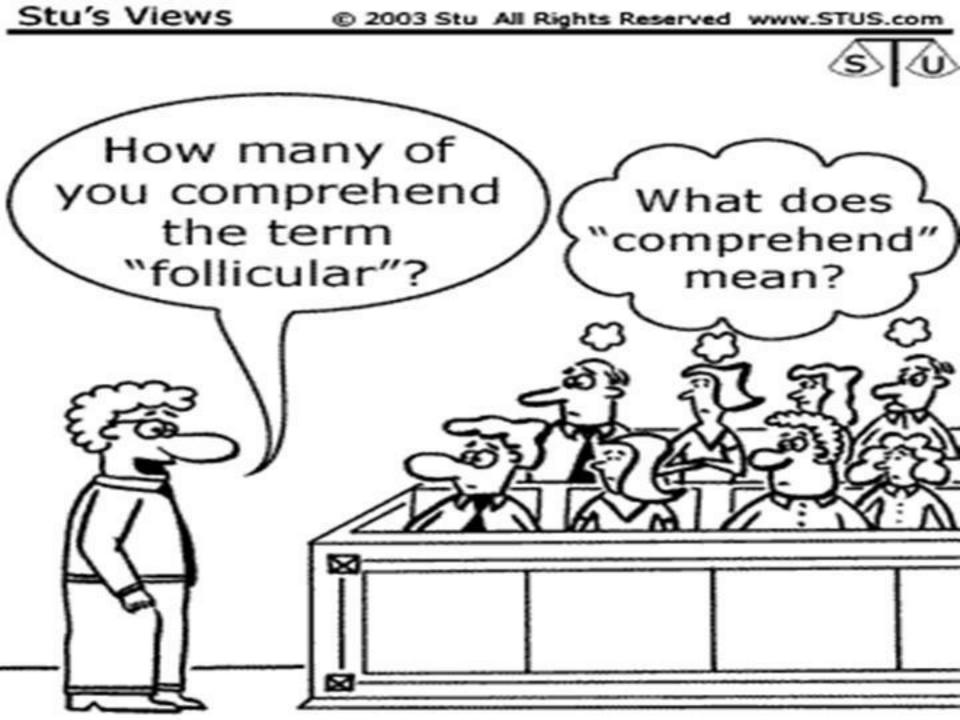
- Trauma resuscitations can form a basis of teaching for staff.
- During the event or as part of a debrief.
- Provides a form of closure for all staff involved.

New Equipment (or old equipment)



Updated/New Trauma Protocols.

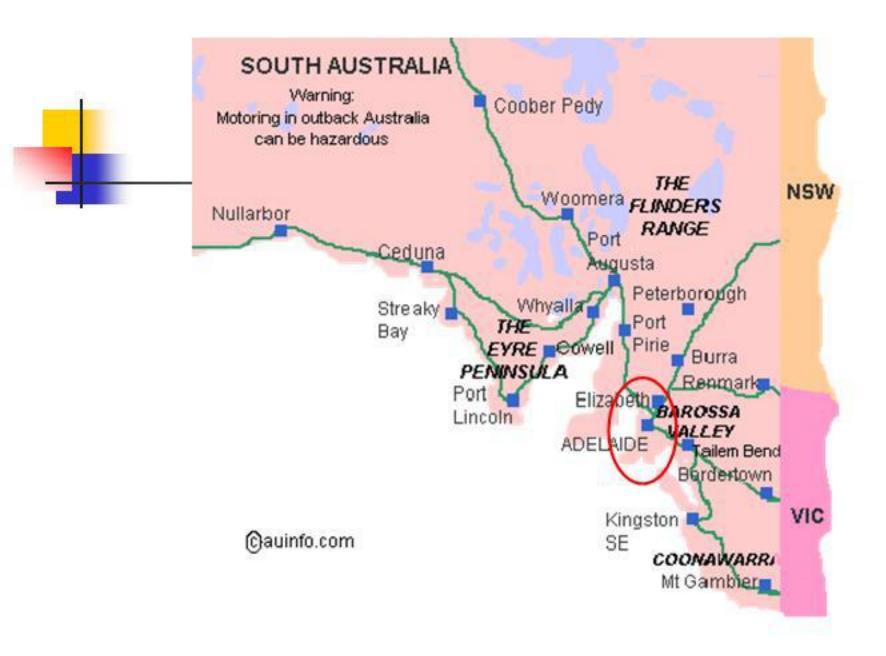
- Use of Factor VIIa in trauma.
- Penetrating trauma increased incidence.
- The use of the open abdomen in trauma laparotomy.



Trauma Service Weekly Audit

- Review of all trauma call presentations from the previous week.
- Informal acts as a teaching session.
- Trauma Service Staff, ED Staff, Radiology, Social Work, SAAS.





Trauma/ED Quality Improvement Session

- Trauma participation once per month.
- All ED staff attend on a regular basis.
- Modified M and M.
- Case presentations.
- New protocols.
- New equipment.

EMST

- 4 nurse observers.
- 4 nursing students or medical students, or ambulance personnel.
- 16 participants.
- Nurses very enthusiastic to participate.



Clinical Lectureship at a University Level







Trauma Teaching Rounds



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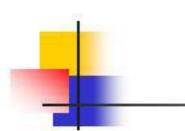








- Education of staff must reflect system in which they work.
- Continuous quality improvement.
- Continuum of needs must be remembered.





In the Future...

- Formal university level qualifications in trauma nursing (? Grad Cert)
- Combined trauma team competencies.
- More Trauma Team training at all levels.

Questions

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The Royal Adelaide Hospital

- 650 bed tertiary referral hospital located in the centre of Adelaide.
- Major teaching hospital for the University of Adelaide.
- Nursing and Medical education.

The Royal Adelaide Hospital

- Major Trauma Center for South Australia
- Treats over 1600 major trauma cases per year
- Has the following specialties:
 - cardiothoracic
 - neurosurgical
 - orthopaedic
 - burns
 - spinal injuries
 - hyperbaric medicine
- The Burns, Spinal and Hyperbaric units are the sole referral units for SA and the NT.
- New ED opened May 2003 4 resuscitation rooms and 46 patient care cubicles.







So why is multidisciplinary trauma education important?

