

Trauma Services in Rural Queensland:

Solving the Tyranny of Distance

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Presentation Outline

- Queensland context
- Definitive Care
- Case Illustration
- Enablers to reduce impact of distance
- Future Direction in Queensland

Highly Integrated Retrieval System

- Patient Focused
 - Efficient, Timely, Safe & Quality Patient Care
- Demonstrated capability and effectiveness, especially for acute trauma
- Huge distances & complex logistic challenges
- Collaborative model with multiple services & partners
- Whole of Government endorsement
- Room for improvement

Enablers to reduce the impact of distance

- Statewide Trauma Bypass Protocols
- Standardised integrated retrieval and trauma processes & procedures
- Emergency Telehealth support with MTS
- Increased regional capability and support

Increased Regional Capability & Support; Future Directions

- Up-skilling & Re-skilling
 - Burrholes (retrievalists and surgeons)
 - Vascular procedures (targeted facilities)
 - Damage Control Surgery
- Fly away teams from MTS
- Enhanced Telehealth Support
 - Head mounted cameras; Surgeons in OT
 - Expansion of RSQ Emergency Model



Summary.

Mitigating the Tyranny of Distance; A Queensland Model

Statewide Integrated Retrieval and Trauma Systems

- Patient Focused & Best Practice
- Enabling equity of access; Standardised processes
- Credible, Supported & Understood
- Optimise regional support
- Embrace and champion the safe utilisation of technology
- Robust system governance

Efficient, Timely, Quality & Safe Patient Care



Questions/Comments

