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