

Statement of Purpose:

Major Trauma Audit

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Title	Major Trauma Audit (MTA)
Year established	2013
Web address	https://www.noca.ie
Managing Organisation	National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA)
Aim	The MTA will drive quality improvement to achieve the best possible clinical outcomes for trauma patients in Ireland.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the collection of high-quality data in line with HIQA standards on all major trauma patients in Ireland for local, national and international reporting and comparison. 2. Promote the use of the data for reflective clinical practice, peer review and quality improvement in order to improve quality of care and reduce death and disability from trauma. 3. Provide high-quality data in order to enable research. 4. Work towards collecting quality-of-life and functional outcome measures which provide greater sensitivity to patient-centered outcomes.
Overall function & Purpose	MTA captures data on all injured trauma patients that meet the audit criteria to drive quality improvement and service development. In 2013, MTA was established in NOCA using the Trauma Audit Research Network (TARN) methodology. Since 2024 the TARN is known as the National Major Trauma Registry (NMTR).
Target population	<p>All trauma patients admitted between a calendar year (annually) who meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trauma patients irrespective of age who come to hospital alive • Who fulfil a specific length of stay (LOS) criteria e.g. LOS 3 days or more, or admission to HDU/ ICU, deaths or transfers for a HDU/ICU bed whose combined LOS is 3 days or more etc. • And whose isolated injuries meet the NMTR criteria https://www.england.nhs.uk/outcomes-and-registries-programme/nmtr/about-data-collection/
Data providers	<p>HSE Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) Health Regions - Hospitals</p> <p>HSE West and North West</p> <p>Galway University Hospitals</p>

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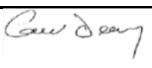
	<p>Letterkenny University Hospital</p> <p>Mayo University Hospital</p> <p>Sligo University Hospital</p> <p>HSE Dublin and Midlands</p> <p>Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise</p> <p>Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore</p> <p>Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar</p> <p>Naas General Hospital</p> <p>St. James's Hospital</p> <p>Tallaght University Hospital</p> <p>HSE Dublin and North East</p> <p>Beaumont Hospital</p> <p>Cavan Monaghan Hospital</p> <p>Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown</p> <p>Mater Misericordiae University Hospital</p> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda</p> <p>HSE Mid West</p> <p>University Hospital Limerick</p> <p>HSE South West</p> <p>Cork University Hospital</p> <p>Mercy University Hospital</p> <p>University Hospital Kerry</p> <p>HSE Dublin and South East</p> <p>South Tipperary General Hospital</p> <p>St Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny</p> <p>St Vincent's Hospital</p> <p>University Hospital Waterford</p> <p>Wexford General Hospital</p>
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	<p>Children Health Ireland</p> <p>Crumlin Children’s Hospital</p> <p>Temple street Children’s Hospital</p>
<p>Governance and Managing Structure</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT TEAMS FOR NOCA AUDITS</p> <p>Key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">RCSI reporting <li style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">External reporting <li style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NOCA Management Structure <li style="background-color: teal; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NOCA Governance Structure
<p>Legal basis</p>	<p>Service arrangements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section 39 Health Act 2004 between Health Service Executive and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI): This sets out the administrative and operational management of NOCA including costs and deliverables per audit. Section 38 Health Act 2004, (Schedule 2 – Quality and Safety), HSE Contract with Hospitals: NOCA is identified in HSE contracts as an entity with which hospitals should work. MOU between HSE HPO and RCSI/ NOCA 2024-2027
<p>National Legislation & Standards</p>	<p>The National Clinical Audit complies with the following national legislation and standards;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Protection Act (2018) HIQA National Standards for Information Management in Health and Social Care (2024) HSE National Consent Policy (2024) Patient Safety Act (2023) Department of Health (2018) A Trauma System for Ireland: Report of the Trauma Steering Group.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSE (2024) Trauma System Implementation Programme Rehabilitation Prescription. • HSE (2023) Trauma System Implementation Programme Clinical Guidance Document: Management of Major Trauma in Older Adults. • HSE (2024) Trauma System Implementation Programme Clinical Guidance Document: Protocol for the management of acute traumatic brain injury in non-neurosurgical hospitals • HSE (2024) Trauma System Implementation Programme Clinical Guidance Document: Trauma Team Activation
International Legislation & Standards	<p>Major Trauma Audit complies with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Union General Data Protection Regulation ‘GDPR’ (2018), Clinical guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NICE (2016) Major trauma NICE guidelines [NG39] • NICE (2016) Major trauma: service delivery NICE guidelines [NG40] • NICE (2016) Spinal injury: assessment and initial management, NICE guidelines [NG41] • NICE (2014) UK Head injury: assessment and early management, NICE guidelines [CG176] • UK Standard for Trauma (2017) BOAST Guidelines: Open fractures
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