



## AGM Triage Report 2022 Annual General Meeting College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand (NZNO)

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### **Triage Courses 2022**

This year CENNZ has held the most courses they ever have. Holding 16 courses throughout New Zealand accommodating for the Covid traffic light settings when it was required. These have been a mixture of small regional to full courses. Courses have had mixed attendance levels, ranging from 11 to 24 participants. This has been to several challenging factors facing emergency nursing including limited nursing staff numbers being able to be released to attend study, sickness – both family and nurses, nurses transitioning to other areas and travel.

Total number through CENNZ triage courses in 2022: 300

### **Triage Instructors**

In July 2022, we were able to hold an instructor's face to face meeting in Wellington and this was well attended. The previous two meetings were cancelled/ postponed due to Covid. It gave us the opportunity to discuss the triage book, slides and handouts and to identify things that need to be addressed. From this meeting, some minor recommendations of changes to the Mental Health Triage tool were taken to the CENNZ Committee for approval. The succession planning for instructors continues. At the end of 2021, we employed three new instructors with the emphasis on the Northland/ Auckland area. Recently, expression of interests closed with an emphasis on Wellington and Canterbury, and we are now in the process of short-listing for interviews, with the hope of employing two to three instructors. Having instructors spread throughout New Zealand has increased our ability to hold small regional courses, cover local areas and to reduce travel time and costs. It has also supported instructor sickness and parental leave.

I would like to thank the instructors for their ongoing support, commitment to the triage courses and providing excellent teaching opportunities to the attendees of these courses.

### **Triage Workbook Update**

The CENNZ committee has supported the contracting of an editor for the Triage workbook. This has made a significant impact on the first stage of the update, which included grammar, spelling and references. Stage two will be looking at the workbook content and updates.

## **Triage Course 2023**

Rotorua	4/5 March 2023
Christchurch	17/18 March 2023
Waikato	25/26 March 2023
Taranaki	6/7 May 2023
Invercargill	20/21 May 2023
Tauranga	27/28 May 2023
Lower Hutt	9/10 June 2023
Hawkes Bay	1/2 July 2023
Christchurch	1/2 September 2023
Lower Hutt	29/30 September 2023
Waikato	7/8 October 2023
Whangarei	4/5 November 2023

[CENNZ Courses \(nzno.org.nz\)](https://nzno.org.nz)

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