



AGM Triage Report 2019 Annual General Meeting College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand (NZNO)

The Triage workbook updates, updated slides and handouts and mental health triage have been the continuing focus of the Triage portfolio during 2019. Collaboration between the CENNZ committee and Triage instructor group has resulted in completion of the latest updated to the workbook and review of the course presentation. Particular emphasis has been given to the development of the NZ Triage Mental Health tool based on the Australasian Mental health tool and both have been incorporated into the course material in 2019. The new tool is subject to copyright and is to be used in conjunction with the course material, to inform triage assessment and decisions. It is anticipated that this will help clarify some of the common questions which arise between suicidal ideation and suicidal intent. Suicidal ideation would be designated under a triage 3 as ideation than has some suicidal thought but planning is not evident or limited and ill defined. Suicidal intent has a resolve to carry out planned action and as such requires a triage 1 or 2 designation. Self-harm is further discussed within the course with a differentiation made between actions taken primarily for stress relief and those with suicidal intent.

This year has seen the resignation of 2 instructors – Lynette Baines and Amanda Kerr. Their professionalism, and ongoing support of CENNZ and the Triage Course is appreciated. In January, CENNZ advertised for expressions of interest and applications to become a triage instructor. We received 5 applicants, interviewing 4 after 1 person withdrew their application. 3 new instructors were interviewed at a panel interview, and their referees contacted. They have since been appointed to the roles. We welcome Diane Varey, Rosemary Ryan and Xanthe Johnston to our instructor team. So far, they have attended observer training courses, and are about to conduct their first courses as new instructors.

A mentoring programme is being set up for new instructors where they are buddied with more experienced instructors, and they have regular contact and feedback to maintain the commitment to have continuous improvement of the NZ Emergency Triage Course.

Course viability costing and planning for the 2020 triage courses have been reviewed regarding programme expenses as running costs continue to increase but course costs have been maintained at \$650 for each attendee with a discount for those who are CENNZ members. However, courses require no less than 12 attendees with a preference of no less than 18 per course to maximize viability. The maximum number of participants for a course is limited to 24 with an anticipated attendee / instructor ratio of 6:1 for groupwork. The number of attendees influences the teaching of the course as well as enrolment and cancellation issues. We continue to welcome all who fulfil the pre-requisite criteria of The NZ resuscitation council advanced core course and recommended two years of emergency or urgent care nursing to enrol in this exciting updated NZ emergency triage course.

Course attendance this year has been consistent at 24 participants per course. Difficulty in transporting of instructors to and from the course in a timely manner has meant careful selection of

venue access has been a consideration in the planning of course for 2019 with some courses being held on a Friday/ Saturday. The Christchurch course was moved to August due to the opening of their new dept scheduled over their original dates in November. Dates for 2020 courses are currently in planning and will be available on the New Zealand CENNZ website as soon as they have been confirmed.

https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections/colleges/college_of_emergency_nurses/courses

Expressions of interest for hosting a 2020 course in your region should be sent to the Triage Director. Delayed responses this year have led to some difficulty with course organisation. Please ensure that you have updated your Educator or contact on the CENNZ repository website.

Future directions currently under discussion include exploring opportunities to provide a one-day course update supported by online work as a means to provide Triage course updates and further tailoring of courses.

<p>2019 Courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 29-30 Christchurch • April 6-7 Taranaki • May 4-5 Tauranga • June 8-9 Rotorua • June 21-22 Hutt • Aug 23-24 Christchurch • Sept 14-15 Waikato • November 8-9 Wellington 	<p>Please check the CENNZ website for updates and changes</p>
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