



Spinal Cord Impairment Action Plan

2014 - 2019

Overview

- Brief summary SCI Action Plan
- Objective one / two focus
- Current status
- Next steps



SCI Action Plan



- Collaborative project established by the Ministry of Health and ACC to develop an SCI strategy and implementation plan
- National SCI Action Plan released July 2014
 - Eight objectives covering pre-hospital – living in the community
- Governance committee meets twice a year
 - Membership is broad (clinical and non-clinical) and includes people with SCI
 - Chaired by Ian Civil
- Sponsors are the Ministry of Health and ACC

Acute care

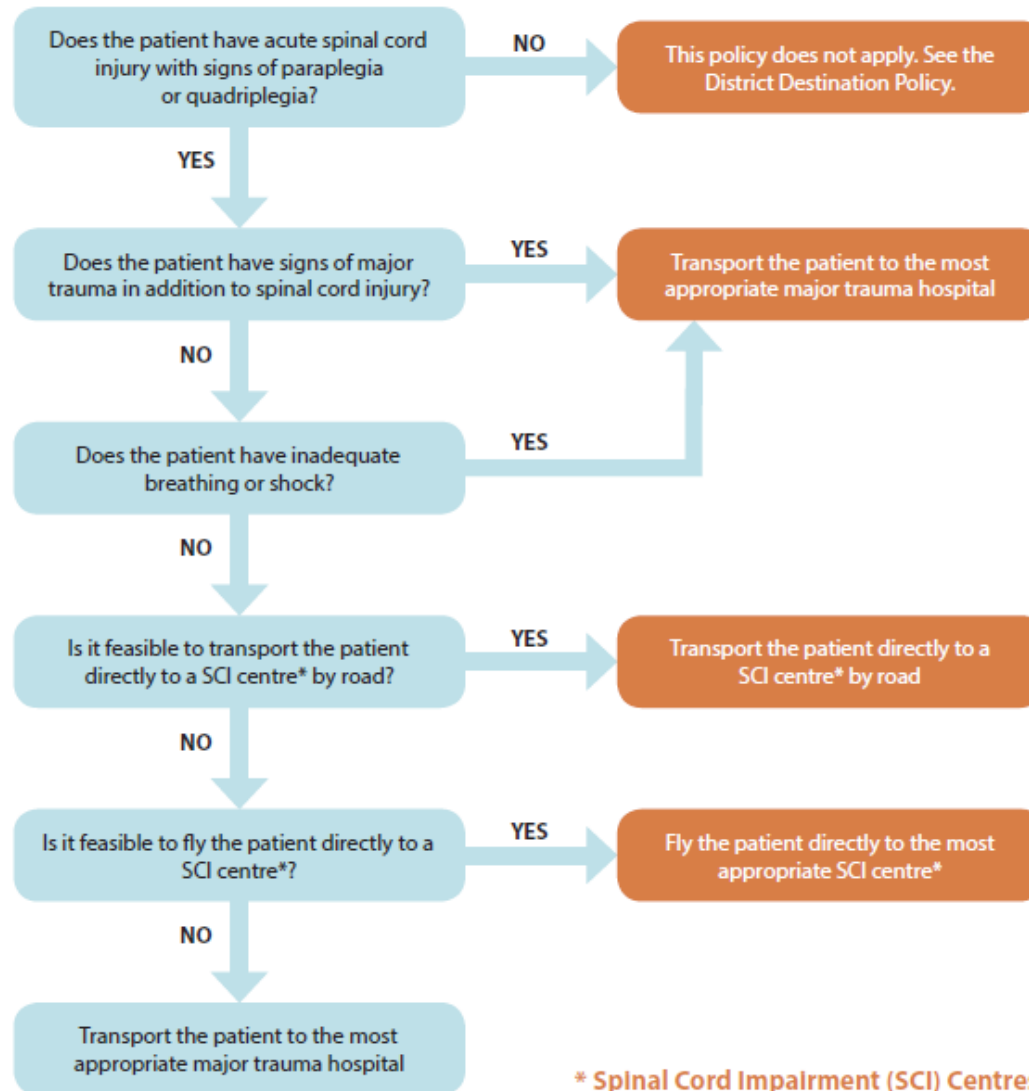
- Covered under objective 1 (adults) and objective 2 (children & adolescents)
- Improve acute clinical outcomes for adults and children requiring acute SCI Care
- We now have a national model :
 - Two supra-regional acute adult services (Middlemore Hospital and Christchurch Hospital)
 - One national child and adolescent service (Starship)

Acute care – destination policy

- Destination policy and procedure
 - Developed from a draft in the SCI Action Plan
 - Wide collaboration in development of the policy and procedure
 - Fits with DHB Annual Planning Guidance
 - Takes other trauma and geography into consideration
 - Simple flow chart is supported by a comprehensive appendix
- Endorsed by the SCI Governance Committee
- Approved by the Ministry of Health, ACC, St John Ambulance, Wellington Free Ambulance,
- Ministerial release 24 July 2015
- Destination Policy effective 1 August 2015

Spinal Cord Injury Destination Policy

Flowchart for Prehospital Personnel



* Spinal Cord Impairment (SCI) Centres

- ▶ Middlemore Hospital (adults)
- ▶ Christchurch Hospital (adults and children)
- ▶ Starship Children's Hospital (children)

Relevance to nurses

- Some patients with SCI will not go directly to a supra-regional SCI centre (or Starship). For example:
 - Other signs of major trauma (managed under the major trauma destination policy)
 - Inadequate breathing or shock
 - Paramedic hasn't recognised acute SCI
 - It isn't feasible to fly the patient direct to a SCI centre
- These patients should be secondarily referred to a SCI centre when clinically appropriate
 - Clinical advice is available from these centres
 - Patients should be transferred when clinically able (which may be direct from an ED)

Key

- Middlemore Hospital
- Christchurch Hospital
- Starship Hospital (all of NZ)

