

Falls – Wednesday 12 April 2017 @ 11am ACST

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Presenters:

Sonia Gamblen, Director of Nursing, Quality & Patient Safety for HauoraTairawhiti, New Zealand

Topic: "Falls Prevention in Tairawhiti"



Sonia Gamblen is the Director of Nursing, Quality & Patient Safety for HauoraTairawhiti (Tairawhiti District Health Board (DHB)), a position which also carries the DHB portfolio for quality and risk management, and as such has great influence on patient safety.

Sonia's nursing experience has been gained in three health care systems; England, Scotland and New Zealand. In her senior nursing roles she has worked across professional groups and health agencies to improve processes, systems and patient experiences.

Working with people in Tairawhiti to try and prevent people falling is one of the most rewarding areas of my position. The people I work with are passionate and committed to reducing harm from falls. Everyone thinks that falling is synonymous with older age. We need to change that belief – many falls are preventable if we know where to concentrate our efforts to avoid falling. Although falls do happen in hospital by far the greater number occur in peoples' homes and the wider community in general. By being aware of what causes falls we can take steps to help prevent them.

Helen Jowett, Trauma Service Manager at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia

Topic: "Common Fall Hazards affecting Children and Young People (0-14 years old)"



Helen Jowett is the Trauma Service Manager of the Trauma Service at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne which is the designated Paediatric Major Trauma Service for Victoria.

The Royal Children's Hospital provides emergency treatment and ongoing care for the majority of Victoria's most severely injured children up to 16 years of age.

The Trauma Service is responsible for ensuring high quality systems are in place to deliver timely and effective care to severely injured children, the nature of whose injuries often require coordination of multiple specialties. The Trauma Service also has a strong leadership role in injury prevention, education and research.

Dr Tommy Rosenberg, Sweden

Topic: "An ageing population at risk"



Dr. Rosenberg has a Ph.D. in Risk and Quality Management from the Royal Institute of Technology, Department of Economics and Organisation, Stockholm, Sweden. He has an extensive experience in theory and practice in continuous safety improvement, especially within local communities. He has worked in the safety field since 1988 when he started to serve as an expert for the Swedish Rescue Services Agency. He was head of the Swedish Safe Community Programme in 2002-2007 and also head of the Safe Community Senior Safety Program from 2007-2014. He started the first Centre for Senior Safety in Sweden in 2007 and was Senior lecturer in risk and safety management at Karlstad University in 2000-2007. He has worked for several international organisations like the EU research Institute, ISPRA in Italy and for the United Nations Environment Program in France. He is now retired but is working voluntarily to improve safety for senior citizens.