

Requirements relating to the
institutions responsible for the
operation of acute healthcare facilities
designated within the Quebec trauma
network

English summary

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SUMMARY

Context

The Quebec trauma network includes some sixty (60) acute healthcare facilities, designated and organized into a five-level hierarchy (tertiary – adult or paediatric population; regional secondary; secondary; primary; and stabilization center) based on the specialization of services and resources available. To operate a facility designated in traumatology, an institution must meet a series of requirements or compliance elements specific to their respective level of designation.

The latest revision of the requirements on which the designation of the Quebec network of healthcare facilities is based goes back to 2001. Following an update of the trauma requirements published by a number of international organizations, INESSS undertook a process to review them in 2012. With the enforcement of the *Act to modify the organization and governance of the health and social services network, in particular by abolishing the regional agencies*, the reorganization of the health care network made it necessary to review the process used to assess the compliance of institutions responsible for the operation of designated facilities with the requirements. This document aims to present the requirements selected after the review process and their status (essential, optional, or not required) for each level of trauma designation, and the scientific bases supporting their selection.

Methodology

INESSS started by reviewing the scientific literature from accreditation and audit agencies widely acknowledged among the trauma care community, then conducted a vast consultation among Quebec experts in order to select the necessary requirements for the designation of acute care facilities. Lastly, the model of reporting used to assess the conformity of the requirements was then revisited with the objective of simplifying the process and making the method of documenting expected compliances more objective.

Results

The framework consisting of a selection of 247 requirements is now organized in six themes:

- 1) Institutional commitment and facility consultation structure
- 2) Interinstitutional transfer agreements
- 3) Availability and training of trauma care human resources
- 4) Health care facility trauma data
- 5) Technical platforms, procedures and algorithms
- 6) Prevention, teaching, research and network support activities

To facilitate the monitoring of the implementation and observance of requirements by each institution responsible for the operation of one or several facilities designated within

the Quebec trauma network, INESSS developed reporting tools, called *templates*. A specific template is available for each theme, for a total of six templates to be implemented gradually throughout the Quebec trauma network. With these templates, each institution and its designated facilities will be able to monitor the requirements associated with its level of designation, for the sake of continuous quality improvement.



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