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Liverpool Hospital sets stage for International Trauma Conference

Liverpool Hospital will play host to leading international trauma experts as they share first-hand insights into the management of medical emergencies like the Asiana Airline crash in San Francisco, Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the evacuated troops from the Middle East at the annual SWAN Trauma Conference this month.

Trauma experts from countries including Germany, the Philippines, Canada, South Africa and the USA will attend the two-day conference at Liverpool Hospital on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 July.

Guest speaker Dr Andre Campbell, Professor of Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine and also an attending trauma surgeon at San Francisco General Hospital, will speak about various topics including the trauma patient management during the aftermath of the tragic Asiana Airline crash in San Francisco last year.

Other speakers include Dr Martin Jarmin, a Filipino general surgeon who has worked in the Humanitarian sector since 2009 for Doctors Without Borders. Dr Jarmin will share his knowledge on disaster response from multiple deployments in Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, and most recently in the Philippines for disaster relief in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan.

Lieutenant Colonel David Zonies, Chief of Trauma & Critical Care at Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre, Germany will share his knowledge and experience in his role in the care of injured service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Also Colonel Todd E. Rasmussen MD United States Air Force Medical Corps will speak about innovations in military trauma care and about vascular injury, research and innovation extending across both civilian and military environments.

Conference convenor and Director of Trauma Services at Liverpool Hospital, Dr Scott D'Amours, said it was an honour to host such a broad range of highly-respected specialists.

"It began as a local South Western Area Network (SWAN) meeting on trauma patient care and has evolved into a cutting-edge multidisciplinary and interactive trauma conference," Dr D'Amours said.

"SWAN remains a unique forum for trauma professionals with its combination of interactivity, real clinical cases and in-depth talks on diagnostic, management and technological innovation.

"It's remarkable to think about how much trauma care has changed over the last two decades and how far we, at Liverpool Hospital have also come in that time.

"Not only is SWAN a chance for us to meet and learn from world leaders in the field of trauma, but it is an opportunity for Liverpool Hospital to showcase its world-class services to the rest of the globe," he said.

Dr D'Amours said Liverpool Hospital had been internationally renowned for its trauma service for some time.

It also supports all hospitals in South Western Sydney (and beyond) as the designated Level One trauma service.

"We house a state-of-the-art hybrid surgical theatre and interventional radiology suite, known as a RAPTOR suite which is used to operate on critically ill emergency trauma patients," he said.

"The Hospital's \$390million redevelopment has allowed us to utilise the latest technology, equipment and design to provide world class health care to south western Sydney."

To arrange an interview with an international guest speaker, or a Liverpool Hospital trauma specialist, contact the media unit on (02) 9828 6848.