

ABI SCI Connect

Working together for excellence in brain and spinal cord injury services across Queensland

Expression of Interest

Acquired Brain Injury - Clinical Advisory Network (ABI-CAN)

Spinal Cord Injury – Clinical Advisory Network (SCI-CAN)

Background

Following statewide consultation and planning, The Department of Health, System Planning Branch developed the statewide adult acquired brain injury (ABI) and spinal cord injury (SCI) rehabilitation health service plans (2016 – 2026). These plans were endorsed by the Departmental Policy and Planning Executive Committee in April 2016. The statewide plans aim to enhance the quality of and access to rehabilitation services for adults with ABI and adults with SCI across Queensland and provide direction and a framework for Queensland Hospital and Health Services (HHS) to implement service enhancements over the next 10 years.

Qld Health has funded a project team hosted at Metro South Health to drive the implementation of the of the plans – ABI SCI Connect. The team had been operational since July 2017 and has made significant progress in areas of 'coordination and integration', 'equity and access', 'quality and safety' and 'capacity, capability and performance'. ABI SCI Connect is currently operating with interim funding whilst awaiting the decisions around funding to continue and extend the program.

The ABI-CAN and SCI-CAN have been operational for the last 2 years. Following a recent membership review, there is an opportunity for new members to join these clinical advisory networks.

Role of the Clinical Advisory Networks

The role of ABI and SCI-CANs are to provide high level clinical advice, expertise and leadership to guide the implementation of identified service direction objectives outlined within the *ABI SCI Connect, Project Plan*, and in accordance with the short and medium term actions identified within the *statewide adult brain and spinal cord injury health service plans 2016 – 2026*.

Members of the ABI and SCI-CAN:

- Provide clinical advice, expertise and leadership to guide the overall implementation and timely achievement of project objectives.
- Provide communication and leadership within local HHS and clinical work areas to support the development of co-ordinated statewide ABI and SCI rehabilitation service planning within Queensland.
- Identify and escalate issues of clinical and strategic importance that may impact on the success of the project to the steering committee and project team.
- Support and guide the successful implementation of key project actions and deliverables in keeping with the overall project plan and planning principles.
- Act as champions for ABI SCI Connect by fostering engagement with clinicians both within and outside of their local HHS.

Commitment

- Monthly meetings (duration 1 hour) held at conference room, Level 3, Buranda Village, Cnr Ipswich Rd and Cornwall St, Woolloongabba. Videoconferencing facilities are available.
- Meetings will be held every 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00 – 3:30pm for the SCI-CAN and every 4th Thursday of the month at 3pm-4pm for the ABI-CAN.
- Out of session activities including contribution to the development of resources/documents, review of project materials and outputs is required.
- Some pre-reading of project material and outputs is likely to be required.
- Network members are to signify that they have the available time commitment to progress work generated from within the network including attendance at meetings, reading and actioning strategic activities in accordance with the network to achieve key outcomes.

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Recruitment

Membership will be recruited via an expression of interest (EOI) process. Applicants must discuss their EOI and the time commitment for members with their line manager. Written support from the relevant HHS Chief Executive or Line Manager for the interested party's membership is to accompany the EOI. Applicants should outline in their EOI their interest in the ABI-CAN or the SCI-CAN. Interested parties are asked to submit a response (no more than one page) addressing the following criteria:

- Clinical knowledge, expertise and experience in adult brain and/or spinal cord injury
- Experience in contributing to committees, clinical advisory and/or working groups
- Personal attributes and strategies to support teamwork, communication and collaboration with clinicians within other HHS
- Personal attributes and strategies to support engagement with and dissemination of information to clinicians

Current Vacancies

Currently there are gaps in membership from the following HHS and disciplines:

ABI-CAN

- Metro North HHS
- Sunshine Coast HHS
- Children's Health Queensland
- Speech Pathology
- Social Work

SCI CAN:

- Metro North HHS
- Townsville HHS
- All other HHS outside Metro South and Gold Coast.
- General Practitioner or primary care nurse

These vacancies will be prioritised however all interested clinicians are encouraged to apply and where possible new members will be accommodated.

EOIs close COB Friday 8th Aug 2019

Please email your expression of interest to ABI.SCI.Connect@health.qld.gov.au. For any queries please contact the Principal Project Officers (Jessica Dawber, Karleigh Kwapil, Glenn Verner-Wren) via the email above or on (07) 3176 7876.

Thank you.