Injury is a major public health problem. The WHO states that ‘the prevention of injuries is very important, but improvement of access and quality of trauma care can significantly reduce the burden of injury’.

To improve the quality of trauma care, regional trauma care systems have been widely implemented. Essential components of trauma care systems are prehospital care and transportation, the designation of trauma care facilities and research activities. Trauma registry data of patients and their outcomes are crucial to identify opportunities for system improvement. The Dutch trauma registry was implemented in 2007.

At the symposium leading experts on trauma system evaluations and national trauma registries from the US, UK, Germany, and the Netherlands will present recent work and will show what can be learned from trauma system evaluations to further improve the care for injured patients. During the meeting, the Dutch trauma registry reports 2011-2015 will be handed out to the Ministry of Health.
Improving Trauma Care Program

Chair: prof. dr. Ernst Kuipers, chairman of the board of the Dutch Network for Emergency Care and CEO of the Erasmus MC University Medical Center Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

13:00  Registration Janskerk Utrecht
13:30  Opening Chairman

Injuries: a continuous challenge for public health
dr. Ed van Beeck, associate professor, department of public health, University Medical Center Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

TARN evaluations on NHS England regional networks
prof. dr. Fiona Lecky, TARN research director and professor of emergency medicine, The University of Sheffield, UK.

Trends in the German trauma system: registry, network, outcome
prof. dr. Rolf Lefering, Institute for Research in Operative Medicine University Witten/Herdecke, Cologne, Germany.

Changing concepts in the evaluation of trauma care
dr. Amy Gunning, researcher, department traumatology, University Medical Center Utrecht, the Netherlands.

15:10  Coffee and tea break
15:30  U.S. Trauma: ongoing challenge
prof. dr. Ronald V. Maier, vice-president ACS, surgeon in-chief of Harborview Medical Center Seattle, professor at the University of Washington, US.

Civilian international and military progress in injury databasing/registries
prof. dr. Howard Champion, Annapolis, US.

Facts and figures Dutch trauma registry 2015
dr. Leontien Sturms, program manager Dutch trauma registry, Dutch Network for Emergency Care, the Netherlands.

Evaluating trauma performance: setting the agenda for the future
prof. dr. Luke Leenen, professor of trauma, University Medical Center Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Annual report Dutch trauma registry 2011-2015 to be handed out to Ministry of Health
drs. Bas van den Dungen, Director-General of Curative Care, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, the Netherlands.

17:15  Drinks and bites