

THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE – THE ED STORY AND LESSONS LEARNED

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The Christchurch earthquake of February 22, 2011, had ground accelerations greater than ever recorded before. Damage to the city was extensive. Christchurch Hospital was damaged too, but was the recipient of many hundreds of casualties. Furthermore, casualties presented to many health care facilities which wouldn't normally receive significantly injured people acutely. This presentation will present an overview of the injury burden of the earthquake, the health system response, and the lessons which might inform future responses.



