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The new Trauma website

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Today, the Internet is one of the best tools available to people of all ages to acquire information quickly. As a Trauma Center, our primary responsibility is to provide excellence in pediatric and adolescent trauma care to children and teens across Quebec, in a timely and effective manner. We also have an important role in injury prevention, which is truly the desired treatment for trauma. As leaders in this field, we felt that having a user-friendly and interactive trauma and injury prevention website would be an innovative and effective way of sharing our expertise with our patients and their families, the community we care for, our partners, the regional centers in need of our experience, and our colleagues involved in clinical care and research activities elsewhere.

The following are a few of the features that will be available on our new website:

1 *About Trauma* will provide information about our different programs, our history, accomplishments, and how to access our services.

2 *Treating Injuries* is designed to provide general information about different types of trauma and the initial management until medical intervention is sought. It is in no way intended to replace a visit to the emergency department or community physician.



D^{re} Nada Jabado au travail dans son laboratoire.
Dr. Nada Jabado at work in her laboratory.

3 *Injury Prevention* will cover a wide range of topics including burn and fire safety, safety in and around the house, poisoning, road safety, seasonal sports and recreational activities, and holiday safety tips.

4 *Infants & Toddlers 0-3 Years* will consist of an interactive house and a quiz that is the result of an exciting partnership between MCH Trauma and passeport.sante.net's new website for children and teens naitreetgrandir.net. This activity will be accessible on our site as well as through their site.

5 *For Teens* is a section still under development that will cover topics of particular interest to teens and their parents.

6 *Health Professionals* will be targeted at health professionals and contain current information regarding pediatric and adolescent trauma including some of our established protocols.

7 *Clinical Research* will highlight our research initiatives and collaborative work. Research is a core component of trauma activities and is important in recognizing the needs of children and adolescents, verifying the effectiveness of our interventions and evaluating our project and programs.

We are delighted to be launching this exciting project next January. I am pleased to be able to share an overview of the site's design and its content with you in this issue.

Wishing you all a happy and trauma free holiday season. ■

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