Injury Survey From Salt Lake to Vancouver



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2002 - 2010 Athletes

	2002	2006	2010
Athlete	416	474	505
Male	328	375	381
Female	88	99	124
Alpine	194	184	194
Nordic	134	131	141
Sledge Hockey	88	112	118
Curling	0	40	50

Sports Injury Prevention



van Mechelen W, Hlobil H, Kemper HC. Incidence, severity, aetiology and prevention of sports injuries. A review of concepts. Sports Med. 1992;14:82-99.

- Commenced in 2002
- Approved by IPS Sports Science Committee, Ethical approval - Univ. of Brighton UK
- Aim to capture information on incidence, aetiology and mechanism of injury with a view to introducing preventive meausres
- To look at the impact of equipment on injury

- Age, Gender, Country
- Sport, Position
- Classification
- Mechanisms of injury
- Diagnoses
- Imaging studies
- Equipment played a role in the injury
- Video analysis NEW for 2010



What have we learned so far?

Injury Rate by Sport (% of competitors)



Acute Traumatic v Overuse Injuries by Sport



2002

2006

Injury Onset by Activity



Alpine







2006 - Acute Alpine Injuries by Body Part

Sitskiers Shoulder Abdomen Wrist









- Injury prevention:
 - Avoiding abduction/ ext rotation of shoulder - technique/ falling
 - Sprung outrigger?
 - Failure mechanism?
 - Snowboard type glove c. wrist support?



Nordic







Nordic – Overuse Injuries



Wheelchair Curling





Ice Sledge Hockey

















- 42% (5/12) of sled hockey injuries preventable
- Osteoporotic legs vulnerable

Equipment Related Injuries



Sport Rule Changes Post-2002

- Sledge height
- Protective wear feet/legs
- No lower-limb fractures in Torino -Vancouver??



Sports Injury Prevention Example Acute Injury



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IPC Injury Survey

- We can make a difference! Sports technical committees listen to sound evidence
- Contribution of data from NPCs is invaluable
- Publication of data 2002-2010 post Games

IPC Injury Survey

- Need longitudinal data for risk analysis injuries / hrs competition or training
- Better Electronic Medical Records systems
- Equipment safety analysis
- Understanding of the long term consequences of sport participation

Thank you for your support IPC Sports Injury Surveillance Team

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