

Leroy Edozien – recent contributions to the RCOG and the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology

Activity	Date	Achievement in this role
Professional and Clinical Standards Committee, RCOG	2007-9	<p>In addition to active participation in the committee's work, I read and commented on a number of national consultation documents, helping to formulate College response. An example of such documents is the NHS Next Stage Review Phase 1 Clinical Quality Indicators.</p> <p>I contributed specific ideas which were incorporated in the following College documents: Emergency Gynaecology Services; Maternity Dashboard; Responsibility of Consultant on Call</p>
Working Party on Recertification, RCOG	2008-9	<p>In addition to contributing to the overall work of the Working Party, I took specific responsibility for the work stream on performance indicators. Wrote a large part of the Working Party's report.</p> <p>I was principal author (with the Vice-President, Standards, and the Director of Standards as co-authors) of a paper '<i>Recertification on Obstetrics and Gynaecology: principles, prospects and problems</i>', published in the Journal of Marketing and Management in Healthcare.</p>
Recertification Committee, RCOG	2009-10	<p>Implementing the Working Party's recommendations.</p> <p>Author of the RCOG document <i>Advice on returning to clinical practice after a period of absence</i>, published in May 2010 (No.1 in the Good Practice series).</p>
Consent Group, RCOG	2007-10	<p>I wrote the RCOG consent documents on (a) Abdominal Hysterectomy for Benign Conditions and (b) Operative vaginal delivery. Contributed to the updating of the orange-top guidance on 'Obtaining Valid Consent'. Contributed to committee discussions on other consent documents.</p>
Office of Research and Clinical Audit, RCOG	2008 to date	<p>I approached ORCA in 2008 with the idea of undertaking studies on Caesarean section. Four studies have been completed, one has been published and two others have been presented at conferences. The published paper attracted mass media coverage: Bragg F, Cromwell DA, Edozien LC, Gurol-Urganci I, Mahmood TA, Templeton A, van der Meulen JH. Variation in rates of caesarean section among English NHS trusts after accounting for maternal and clinical risk: cross sectional study. <i>BMJ</i>. 2010 Oct 6;341:c5065. doi: 10.1136/bmj.c5065.</p> <p>I am assisting ORCA with other ongoing projects.</p>

RCOG Orange-top guideline	2009	Author of the RCOG Clinical Governance document, Improving Patient Safety: Risk Management for Maternity and Gynaecology, third edition, published in 2009. Was author of the previous edition published in 2005. Feedback on this document has been received from as far afield as Malaysia.
Conference Department, RCOG	2008-10	<p>Organiser of the joint RCOG/ENTER (Endowment for Training and Education in Reproduction) annual meeting on risk management in women's health. This meeting has been successful over the years and is the only annual national meeting on patient safety in maternity and gynaecology.</p> <p>I have been invited to speak at other College meetings: Safety in Women's Health, Joint RCOG/BMS conference on postmenopausal health and Staff Grade/Associate Specialists meeting</p>
Publications Department, RCOG	2008-10	<p>Contributed a chapter on Gynaecological Risk Management to the book '<i>Models of Care in Women's Health</i>' published in 2009. This chapter included the RADICAL framework for management of healthcare risk, which I devised.</p> <p>Lead author (with Miss Heather Mellows) of a chapter on Place of Birth in the book <i>Models of Care in Maternity Services</i>, RCOG Press 2010.</p>
RCOG International Office	2009	<p>Represented the RCOG as External Examiner at the fellowship examinations of the West African College of Surgeons, Faculty of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in October 2009. Entailed conference marking of written papers followed by oral and clinical examinations. 200 candidates.</p> <p>Gave presentations on OSCE and on MRCOG examination format at the Examiners' Workshop.</p> <p>Wrote comprehensive report for both Colleges.</p>
RCOG International Office	2008-10	Was one of the progenitors of the Nigeria Liaison Group, and became Interim Chairperson in 2010, pending election of an executive committee. I wrote a comprehensive constitution for the group. This document can serve as a model of governance for all RCOG Liaison Groups and is in harmony with the guidelines produced by the International Office for the liaison groups.
StratOG	2010	Rewrote the module on clinical governance in StratOG.net, the RCOG's online interactive educational resource for trainees in obstetrics and gynaecology.

UK National Patient Safety Agency	2008-9	Member, multidisciplinary group set up by the NPSA to develop tools for preventing intrapartum-related baby deaths. This followed concern raised by the Chief Medical Officer: about 500 babies a year start labour apparently healthy and then die. Our tool was published in 2009 as part of a national intrapartum care toolkit
National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)	2009-10	Member, NICE Topic Expert Group on Neonatal Services, The group developed 'Quality Statements' specifying minimum standards to guide commissioners, providers and users of tertiary neonatal services.
North of England Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society	2009-10	As President of the North of England Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society I made it a mission to preserve for the foreseeable future the legacy inherited from previous presidents (such as Blair Bell, one of the founders of our College). In this regard, I reached out to training grade doctors and also developed a web site for the society.
<i>Safer Maternity Care</i>	2010	I have used my own personal resources (time and money) to edit, publish and distribute the e-magazine <i>Safer Maternity Care</i> which is distributed free of charge to doctors, midwives and managers in UK maternity units. Feedback from readers has been excellent.
Undergraduate teaching		One of the most fulfilling fruits of my contributions to the specialty and to the profession was being recognised as an 'Exceptional Role Model' by final year students of the University of Manchester in 2009.
Research roles and projects	2008-10	Supervising PhD student project, Assessing and Responding to Maternal Stress (ARMS) Completed: Engaging Partners in Childbirth (EPiC-1); Variations in Caesarean section rates in England. In development: Promoting patient safety in intrapartum care through structured multidisciplinary intershift handover (SMITH).
Overseas lectures	2009-10	International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (2009) Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (2010). All Kerala Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in India (2010).
Endowment for Training and Education in Reproduction		Organised annual patient safety conference 2000 to date. See www.womenshealthcare.co.uk

The Labour Ward Handbook, second edition.	2010	'Highly Commended' in the BMA Medical Book Awards 2010.
Peer reviewer for journals	2008-10	BMJ (4), Annals of Surgery (1), Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology (1), Evidence based Midwifery (2), Australia New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (1), The Patient: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (1).
Peer-reviewer for research grant applications	2008-10	Medical Research Council, NIHR Research for Patient Benefit and Wellbeing of Women.
Member, NHS Evaluations Panel	2009-11	This panel is part of the Service Delivery and Organisation (SDO) programme of the National Institute of Health Research. The SDO aims to build research capacity among those who manage, organise and deliver health care, improving their understanding of the research literature and how to use research evidence. It also aims to commission research evidence that improves practice in relation to the organisation and delivery of healthcare. The Evaluations panel advises the programme on scientific evaluations of initiatives and innovations in the NHS. The evaluations include empirical studies, evidence synthesis, and primary research. The panel meets twice a year and panelists do a lot of evaluation work before meetings.
External Examiner, MSc programme in Risk Management, UCL London	2004-2009	My role included quality-assuring the programme content, teaching, support provided to students, and the stringency and fairness of evaluation
Day job		The contributions outlined above have been made despite the demands of working full-time as a senior clinician in a tertiary unit where the annual delivery rate has increased by 38% in the last 8 years (and has continued to rise in each quarter of the last couple of years).
Feedback		‘...you are an inspiration to me in your manner of working with the staff and especially your amazing relationship with the ladies and their families. Anyone who comes under your care is very fortunate’. - Written testimonial by a link worker