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# Risk Management and Medico–Legal Issues In Women’s Health

*Joint RCOG/ENTER (Endowment for Training and Education  
in Reproduction) Meeting*

**Wednesday 6 May– Thursday 7 May 2009**

## Why Attend?

- **Only** annual national conference on risk management in maternity and gynaecology
- **Emphasis** throughout the meeting is on practical rather than theoretical concepts
- **Delegates** have the opportunity to network with colleagues involved in safety and quality improvement
- **Claim** CPD credits for full attendance at this meeting

## Who Should Attend?

- Claims Managers
- Midwives
- Risk Managers
- Academic/research staff
- Clinical Governance Leads
- Obstetricians of all grades
- Solicitors

Venue: Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London

## OVERVIEW

The meeting provides a forum for learning from untoward incidents and sharing good practice in promotion of patient safety. The first day concentrates on anticipation and interception of potential harm to patients and the second day focuses on medico-legal issues, with emphasis on lessons from case law. This is the only annual national conference on risk management in obstetrics and gynaecology. The emphasis throughout the meeting is on practical rather than theoretical concepts, and delegates have the opportunity to network with colleagues involved in safety and quality improvement.

**Course Organiser:** Dr Leroy Edozien FRCOG, Manchester

**Convenor of Meetings:** Dr Basky Thilaganthan FRCOG, London

## PROGRAMME

### *Wednesday 6 May*

9.00am *REGISTRATION and REFRESHMENTS*

9.30am **Welcome and introduction**

Professor Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, President, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

#### SESSION I

*Chair: Professor James Drife, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Leeds*

9.35am **Building a safer healthcare system: where are we up to?**

Keynote Speaker

10.05am **Medical accidents in women's healthcare: a patient's perspective**

10.20am *REFRESHMENTS*

10.50am **Measures to protect the fetal brain from damage during pregnancy**

Dr Jeffrey P Phelan, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Citrus Valley Medical Center, West Covina, CA, USA

11.35am **Preventing the perils of postpartum haemorrhage**

Professor Christopher B-Lynch, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Milton Keynes NHS Foundation Trust

12.05pm **The practical side of Being Open**

Professor James Drife

12.30pm *LUNCH*

1.30pm **UK Obstetric Surveillance System: what patient safety lessons can we learn?**

Professor Peter Brocklehurst, Professor of Perinatal Epidemiology, Director of the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, University of Oxford

Each delegate will attend two of the breakout sessions: one at 2.05pm and the other at 3.45pm

2.05pm **Breakout sessions**

**Quality assurance in medico-legal report writing**

Mr Julian Woolfson, Consultant Gynaecologist, The Blackheath Hospital, London

**Teamwork in maternity**

Dr Tim Draycott, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Southmead Hospital, Bristol

**Medico-legal case studies**

Mr Malcolm Griffiths, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Luton and Dunstable Hospital

**Perinatal brain injury**

Dr Jeffrey Phelan

3.15pm **REFRESHMENTS**

3.45pm **Breakout sessions repeated**

4.55pm **CLOSE of DAY ONE**

7.00pm **CONFERENCE DINNER ORGANISED BY ENTER**

## Thursday 7 May

### SESSION II

*Chair: Mr Malcolm Griffiths*

9.00am **Medico-legal update – recent cases in women’s health care litigation**

9.35am **The Freedom of Information Act in obstetrics and gynaecology**

Mr Christian Dingwall, Partner, Hempsons Solicitors, London

10.05am ***Chester v Afshar*: implications for obstetric and gynaecological practice**

Mr A D G Roberts, Consultant Gynaecologist, Burton Hospitals NHS Trust, Chairman, RCOG Consent Group

10.35am **Discussion**

Mr Christian Dingwall

Mr ADG Roberts

11.00am **REFRESHMENTS**

11.30am **Patterns of brain injury in neonates exposed to perinatal sentinel events**

Dr Frances Cowan, Senior Lecturer in Perinatal Paediatrics and Neonatal Medicine, Hammersmith and Queen Charlotte’s Hospital, London

12.00pm **Perinatal brain injury claims**

Mr John Mead, Technical Claims Director, NHS Litigation Authority

12.30pm *LUNCH*

### SESSION III

*Chair: Professor Soo Downe, Director, Midwifery Studies Research Unit, University of Central Lancashire*

- 1.30pm **Enhancing patient safety in obstetric anaesthesia**  
Dr Alan Thomson, Consultant Obstetric Anaesthetist, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital
- 2.05pm **CNST, RCOG, Healthcare Commission, NPSA and other standards: is the plethora of standards confusing or reinforcing?**  
Professor Soo Downe
- 2.35pm *REFRESHMENTS*
- 3.05pm **Breaking inter-professional barriers: strategies for effective collaboration**  
Mrs Rineke Schram, Medical Director, East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust
- 3.35pm **Promoting multi-professional collaboration: tools from the East Lancashire Early Adopter project**  
Mrs Sheena Byrom, Consultant Midwife, East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust and University Central Lancashire
- 4.05pm **Discussion**  
Professor Soo Downe  
Mrs Rineke Schram  
Mrs Sheena Byrom
- 4.35pm *CLOSE of CONFERENCE*

## Conference Dinner

ENTER are organising a dinner on the second day of the conference to mark their 10th Anniversary. Tickets for the event are £50 (£42.55 +VAT) each and are available to book through the RCOG Conference Office. Please select the option for the dinner when booking. If you would like multiple tickets please indicate this when booking or contact the Conference Office.

ENTER would also like to offer the first 30 people who book for the conference and dinner, a ticket for the subsidised rate of £30. Please check with Conference Office for eligibility.

**Register on-line today at [www.rcog.org.uk/meetings](http://www.rcog.org.uk/meetings)  
Alternatively complete the attached Registration Form**

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Please contact **Jessica Letters** for further information and to discuss the packages available:

**Tel: 020 7772 6297**

**Email: [jletters@rcog.org.uk](mailto:jletters@rcog.org.uk)**

# REGISTRATION FORM

## Risk Management and Medico–Legal Issues In Women’s Health

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Please read the section on General Information and Terms and Conditions on the rear of this brochure before completing this form

Registration Fee  £360 (£306.38 + VAT) on or before 25/03/2009

(Please tick as appropriate)  £410 (£348.94 + VAT) after 25/03/2009

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Conference Dinner  £50 (£42.55 + VAT)  
(organised by ENTER)

### Breakout Sessions

You may attend one workshop in each time slot. Please tick the box for each time slot for the session that you would like to attend. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

#### 2.05pm

- Quality assurance in medico-legal report writing
- Teamwork in maternity
- Medico-legal case studies
- Perinatal brain injury

#### 3.45pm

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- Teamwork in maternity
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I agree to the terms and conditions on the back of this brochure (please tick this box)

Signature..... Date.....

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Title (Prof/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Forename(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Sex  M  F RCOG Registration No.   
(if applicable)

FRCOG  MRCOG  DRCOG  Retired Fellow/Member  Other

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I do not wish my hospital details to appear on the list of participants to be circulated at the conference *(please tick as appropriate)*

I would not like to be contacted about future RCOG conferences and courses *(please tick as appropriate)*

Daytime telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

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Special dietary needs *(e.g. vegetarian)* \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this conference? \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT DETAILS

I enclose a cheque made payable to 'RCOG' for £ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Please debit my credit card, *as below*

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### Conference Office

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG

## GENERAL INFORMATION and TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Venue

RCOG, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG. Tel: 020 7772 6200

*Train:* Marylebone Station - 10 minutes walk

*Underground:* Baker Street - 10 minutes walk

*Parking:* Regent's Park Outer Circle (pay and display), NCP on corner of Park Road and Rossmore Road, Tel: 0870 242 7144 for further information.

### Fee and payment

The registration fee is £360 (£306.38 + VAT) for all registrations postmarked before or on Wednesday 25 March 2009 and thereafter is £410 (£348.94 + VAT). All retired Fellows and Members of the RCOG are entitled to a 50% discount in the registration fee (please state if you are retired at the time of booking). The fee includes coffee, lunch, tea and admission to the lectures, any technical exhibition and drinks reception (where applicable) *for the registrant only*. You will receive confirmation of your registration within 14 days of receipt of your payment at the conference office. **Please note that you are not guaranteed a place until you receive this confirmation.** If applying after Wednesday 25 March 2009, you should telephone 020 7772 6245 to confirm that a place is available before posting your application form and payment.

Payment may be made by credit card using the form overleaf or via our website at [www.rcog.org.uk/meetings](http://www.rcog.org.uk/meetings) or by cheque made payable to "R.C.O.G." Payments from abroad should be by international bankers draft or money order in sterling. Payment in other currencies will not be accepted.

### Cancellations

Cancellations must be received in writing by Tuesday 22 April 2009 before the event and be accompanied by a copy of your registration confirmation letter and receipt. An administrative charge of £10 will be made on all cancellations received before or on Tuesday 22 April 2009. The College cannot refund fees after this date. Cancellations will be processed after the conference. Substitutions are welcome at any time.

In the unlikely event the course is cancelled by the RCOG, we regret we are unable to refund any delegate travel and/or accommodation costs that have already been incurred by the delegate, or any administration

charges relating to cancellation of travel tickets or accommodation.

### CPD

CPD credits are available for full attendance at this meeting. Certificates of attendance will be provided as required.

*This information is correct at the time of printing as, in view of the forthcoming revalidation process, there may be changes to the CPD programme in the future.*

If you are a member of any other College you will need to contact the college directly to obtain the correct number of CPD credits.

### Data Protection Act

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### Accommodation

#### B&B

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**Doctor in the House** Tel: 020 8870 5949

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Tel: 020 7722 7722

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