OPENING ADDRESS:

What is Required to Strengthen the System for Maternity Care and Change the Way We Think and Feel?

Adjunct Professor Tanya Farrell, Executive Director – Nursing and Midwifery, The Royal Women’s Hospital

Bree Bulle, Director, Regional Maternal and Perinatal Mortality and Morbidity Committees, The Royal Women’s Hospital

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:

Child Death Obstetric Cases – The Impact of the Coronial Process on Families as well as Those Involved in the Care

John Lock, Deputy State Coroner, Coroners Court of Queensland

An Update on Midwifery Standards and Guidelines

Associate Professor Lynette Cusack, RM, RN, Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Tanya Vogt, Executive Director, AHPRA

TOPICS INCLUDE:

– The Exceptional Experience – Are Patient Expectations Out of Control?
– Obstetric Consent, Information and Autonomy
– Trends in Obstetric Medicolegal Claims at Victoria’s Largest Maternity Service
– The UK Case of Dr Bawa-Garba – Could This Happen in Australia?
– Incentivising Better Patient Safety
– PANEL DISCUSSION | Big Babies and Medico Legal Risks
– Pelvic Organ Prolapse and Related Injuries
– Strategies and Legal Obligations in Dealing with an Impaired Colleague
– Medicinal Cannabis in Pregnancy – Panacea or Noxious Weed?

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## Obstetric Malpractice Conference

**Thursday 23 August 2018**

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| 8:50  | OPENING                                                                 | Opening remarks from the Chair  
Associate Professor Vinay S Rane, Obstetrician, Gynaecologist and Lawyer, Melbourne                                                                                                                   |
| 9:00  | OPENING ADDRESS                                                       | What is Required to Strengthen the System for Maternity Care and Change the Way We Think and Feel?  
— Our journey to improve regional and rural maternity services in Victoria  
— What strategies can strengthen the systems of clinical governance?  
— What can be standardised in the process for case review at a rural and regional level?  
— What are we seeing so far- Areas for improvement and strategies used to strengthen the system  
Adjunct Professor Tanya Farrell, Executive Director – Nursing and Midwifery, The Royal Women’s Hospital  
Bree Bulle, Director, Regional Maternal and Perinatal Mortality and Morbidity Committees, The Royal Women’s Hospital |
| 9:40  | CASE STUDY                                                            | Trends in Obstetric Medicolegal Claims at Victoria’s Largest Maternity Service  
— A brief discussion of the claims environment at Monash Health  
— An overview of the methodology used to interrogate medicolegal claims  
— Trends of claim rates, and distribution of claim content over 5 years at Monash Health  
— Applications of medicolegal claims data for quality and safety improvement  
Ben Nowotny, MBBS-PhD Candidate, Monash University & Honorary, Safer Care Victoria |
| 10:20 | Pelvic Organ Prolapse and Related Injuries                             | − Definition, types and causation of prolapse  
− Clinical manifestations of prolapse  
− The treatment options and the complications of the various treatment options  
− The appropriate standard of care  
Andrew Korda AM, Conjoint Professor Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Western Sydney University & Consultant Emeritus, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney |
| 11:00 | Networking and refreshment break                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11:30 | Obstetric Consent, Information and Autonomy                             | The spectrum of consent in the obstetric setting: How will the courts determine the limits of personal autonomy and information rights?  
Bill Maddern, Special Counsel, Carroll O’Dea Lawyers & Adjunct Professor, Australian Centre for Health Law Research  
Associate Professor Tina Cockburn, Australian Centre for Health Law Research |
| 12:10 | PANEL DISCUSSION                                                      | Big Babies and Medico Legal Risks  
Delivering Big Babies is a challenge for obstetricians and midwives and can be a legal minefield. If things go wrong there is the potential for serious injuries to both mother and baby. |
| 13:10 | Lunch and networking break                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 14:10 | CASE STUDY                                                            | Incentivising Better Patient Safety  
Insurers and clinicians want the same thing – good outcomes for mothers and babies. Providing rebates to maternity hospitals to promote skills development in fetal surveillance and emergency skills reduces harm to mothers and babies and improves outcomes. This session provides an overview on an initiative to incentivise and sustain good practices to improve care.  
Liz Cox, Head of Medical Indemnity Risk, VMIA |
| 14:50 | CASE STUDY                                                            | Stillbirth Following a History of Reduced Foetal Movements  
— Negligence and stillbirth  
— Failure to warn and monitor for reduced foetal movements  
— A case history  
— Psychiatric injury in parents following stillbirth  
Ngaire Watson, Barrister, Second Floor Selborne Chambers |
| 15:30 | CASE STUDY                                                            | Strategies and Legal Obligations in Dealing with an Impaired Colleague  
Helen Turnbull, Special Counsel – Professional Conduct, Avant |
| 16:10 | Networking and refreshment break                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 16:35 | The Exceptional Experience- Are Patient Expectations Out of Control?  | Dr Amber Moore, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, St Vincent’s Private Hospital & The Epworth Freemasons Hospital & Consultant Gynaecologist, The Royal Women’s Hospital |
| 17:15 | FACILITATED Q & A Fireside Chat | Transvaginal Mesh Litigation Update  
Jan Saddler, National Principal and Manager, Shine Lawyers’ Class Actions Practice  
HP Dietz MD PhD, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Sydney |
| 17:45 | CLOSING                                                               | 10th Anniversary Networking Function                                                                                                                                                                       |
8:50 OPENING | Opening remarks from the Chair

9:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS | An Update on Midwifery Standards and Guidelines
- An overview of Midwifery regulation in Australia
- Update on the Midwifery Professional Practice Framework including the revised practice standards 2018
Associate Professor Lynette Cusack, RM, RN, Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Tanya Vogt, Executive Director, AHPRA

9:40 CASE STUDY | The UK Case of Dr Bawa-Garba – Could This Happen in Australia?
The case of a junior doctor in the UK whom, as a result of her clinical care of a young boy, was found guilty of manslaughter by gross negligence. This presentation will look at:
- The facts, the fiction, the disciplinary & criminal proceedings
- The history of criminal prosecution of Drs in Australia
- The UK law vs Australian law
- If this had occurred in Australia would the same outcome have resulted?
Janine McIlwraith, Principal Lawyer, Slater and Gordon Lawyers

10:20 FACILITATED Q & A FIRESIDE CHAT
Associate Professor Lynette Cusack, RM, RN, Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

10:40 Networking and refreshment break

11:10 KEYNOTE ADDRESS | Child Death Obstetric Cases – The Impact of the Coronial Process on Families as well as Those Involved in the Care
- Examination of a number of recent inquests and findings
- Concerns about the impact on families and witnesses involved in the coronial process
- Can we do better?
- Examples of how this can be addressed
John Lock, Deputy State Coroner, Coroners Court of Queensland

11:50 Medicinal Cannabis in Pregnancy – Panacea or Noxious Weed?
- Legalisation of medical cannabis in 29 States in the US has generally (21/29) been followed by use in pregnancy to control hyperemesis gravidarum -because nausea is a commonly approved indication
- In Australia medicinal cannabis will be prescribed as a Schedule 8 drug with mostly strict indications and that does not include hyperemesis gravidarum
- A major pregnancy effect is on suppression of cytотrophoblast growth causing IUGR & stunted height
- Brain effects include impaired childhood higher cognitive functioning and decreased perceptual organisation, reduced memory and verbal ability
Professor Mike O'Connor AM, Head of Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Western Sydney University; Conjoint Senior Lecturer Women's and Children's Health, University of New South Wales

12:30 Continuity of Midwifery Care as a Means to Improve Both Quality and Safety
- Overwhelming evidence that points to continuity of midwifery care being safe/effective
- Possible reasons why this type of care is not more widely implemented in Australia
- What is being done/what more can be done to promote continuity of midwifery care
- Medico-legal implications of continuity of midwifery care
Dr Christine Catling, Director of Midwifery Studies, University of Technology Sydney

13:10 Lunch and networking break

14:10 Maternal Birth Trauma: What Does It Mean for Plaintiff and Defendant?
- There is a greater awareness of obstetric trauma in the population: Levator tears and anal sphincter tears – 80% currently unrecognised and undiagnosed
- Recent changes in case law extend the lessons of Rogers vs Whitaker to Obstetrics
- The combination of a greater risk of trauma, changes in obstetric practice, greater awareness of consequences, better diagnosis and changed case law means ‘the perfect storm’ for obstetricians in terms of medicolegal risk
HP Dietz MD PhD, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Sydney

15:30 CLOSING ADDRESS | The Limits of Consent and Risk of Criminal Charges
- The legal limits of consent
- The impact and vulnerability to criminal charges, and where consent fails
- “Reasonable” medical decisions and criminal charges
- What’s changed post Patel
Kyle Hillard, Barrister, Griffith Chambers

16.00 Closing remarks from the Chair

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