

Saving mothers' lives: translating recommendations into practice

6 March 2008



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The conference is organised by the Northern Ireland regional office of the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health (CEMACH). The main findings and recommendations of the CEMACH report, *Saving mothers' lives: reviewing maternal deaths to make motherhood safer, 2003–2005* will be presented.¹

Aim

The conference aims to encourage participants to consider and plan ways to implement the report's recommendations within their areas of work.

Objectives

- To inform participants of the main findings of the enquiry into maternal deaths outlined in the report.
- To raise awareness of the recommendations arising from the enquiry.
- Through interactive workshops, consider the actions required to meet the standards and recommendations for managing high risk pregnancies and improving maternity care.

Potential participants

The conference is aimed at all health professionals working in primary and secondary care that are involved in looking after pregnant and recently delivered women. It will also be of interest to health service planners and providers, risk managers and those involved in health care education.

Attendance at the conference is approved as a continuing professional development activity.

1. Lewis G, (ed). *Saving mothers' lives: reviewing maternal deaths to make motherhood safer – 2003–2005*. The seventh report on confidential enquiries into maternal deaths in the United Kingdom. London: CEMACH, 2007.

Conference programme

9.00–9.30am **Registration, tea and coffee**

Session 9.30am–10.50am

Chair: Dr Brian Gaffney, Chief Executive,
Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland

9.30am **Welcome and introduction**
Dr Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer,
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

9.40am **The continuing importance of the confidential enquiries into maternal deaths and key findings**
Dr Gwyneth Lewis, Director,
CEMACH Maternal Death Enquiry

10.10am **Direct deaths: key issues**
Professor James Drife, Department of Obstetrics
and Gynaecology, Leeds General Infirmary

10.30am **Mental health**
Dr Janine Lynch, Consultant Psychiatrist,
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

10.50am **Tea and coffee**

Session 11.20am–12.20pm

Chair: Ms Verena Wallace, Local Supervisory Authority Midwifery Officer,
Northern Ireland

11.20am **Midwifery care: key issues**
Dr Jane Rodgers, Consultant Midwife,
Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton

11.40am **The top 10 recommendations**
Dr Ann Harper, Consultant Obstetrician,
Royal Jubilee Maternity Hospital, Belfast,
Senior Lecturer, Queen's University Belfast

12.00pm **Panel questions and discussion**

12.20pm **Lunch**

Session 1.20pm–4.30pm

Chair: Dr Claire Willis, Consultant in Public Health,
Regional Coordinator for Maternal Death Enquiry, 2003–2005

1.20pm **Translating recommendations into practice**
Mrs Alison Miller, Programme Director, CEMACH

1.30pm **Group workshops: translating recommendations into practice**

3.00pm **Tea and coffee**

3.20pm **Feedback from groups**

4.20pm **Future plans**
Mr Richard Congdon, Chief Executive, CEMACH

4.30pm **Close**

Date and time

9.00am–4.30pm, Thursday 6 March 2008

Venue

Dunadry Hotel and Country Club, Co Antrim

Cost

£65

All attendees will receive a complimentary copy of the full report.

Booking

Early booking is advised as spaces will be limited by discipline (ie obstetricians, midwives, anaesthetists etc) due to the interactive format of the workshops. Booking forms are also available to submit online from the events/training section of the Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland website at: www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 20 February 2008.

