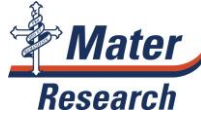




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# IMPROVE Program

## Improving Perinatal Mortality Review & Outcomes via Education

### International Workshop in Perinatal Mortality

**About the Workshop:** IMPROVE workshops are designed to address the educational needs of health professionals involved in maternity and newborn care in managing perinatal death. The workshop was initiated in Australia and is based on the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand's Perinatal Mortality Guideline which is similar to European and other international perinatal mortality guidelines. The workshop utilises the SCORPIO educational model designed for skills training. This involves small groups of learners rotating around six interactive learning stations that are each facilitated by an experienced educator. For the first time this workshop is coming to Europe with experienced educators. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about perinatal mortality if you are an obstetrician, midwife, obstetric/neonatal nurse, neonatologist, social worker or are interested from a policy or public health perspective, we would like to meet you! Priority will be given to clinicians working in maternity and newborn care.

#### The learning stations are:

- 1) Communicating with parents about perinatal autopsy
- 2) Autopsy and placental examination
- 3) Investigation of fetal deaths
- 4) Examination of babies who die in the perinatal period
- 5) Institutional perinatal mortality audit and classification
- 6) Psychological and social aspects of perinatal bereavement

**DATE:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 08:30 am registration-13:30

**VENUE:** NH Tropen Hotel, Linnaeusstraat 2C, 1092 CK Amsterdam, situated next to the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) location of the 2014 International Conference on Stillbirth, SIDS and Baby Survival

**COST:** E90,- including lunch, booklet and USB with information

**REGISTRATION:** Places are limited. **To register** please visit the website [www.babysurvival2014.nl/improve](http://www.babysurvival2014.nl/improve)

*This activity is endorsed with 4 MidPlus points*

*Eligible fellows of RANZCOG can claim 5 CPD points in the Clinical Expertise/Meetings Category  
Dutch accreditation as well as accreditation for other countries has been applied for*

#### ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

Dr. Fleurisca Korteweg, MD, PhD, gynecologist (The Netherlands),

Ass. Professor Vicky Flenady, PhD, MMedSc, midwife (Australia)

Professor Alison Kent, BMBS, FRACP, MD, neonatologist (Australia)

Viviana Rodriguez, IMPROVE Program Coordinator (Australia)



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# Amsterdam IMPROVE Educators

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## Monnia Volpe-Wise

Station 1: Communicating with parents about perinatal autopsy

Monnia Volpi-Wise is a registered midwife, neonatal critical care specialist and the Prevention Services Manager for SIDS and Kids Western Australia. SIDS and Kids aims to save babies' lives through education and research and to provide grief support to those affected by the sudden and unexpected death of a child from conception onwards. Monnia has a primary role in coordinating education initiatives with a focus on Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy including Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), miscarriages and stillbirths and how these traumatic events can be prevented. Monnia is also an Emergency Childbirth Educator, author of the West Australian Safe Sleeping e-learning package and co-author of *Midwifery: preparation for practice*.

## Fiona Jeffs

Station 1: Communicating with parents about perinatal autopsy

Fiona Jeffs is a midwife managing a maternity/paediatric unit in rural South Australia. She has been involved in the care of families experiencing pregnancy loss and stillbirth for more than 25 years, both as a midwife and a psychologist in the UK and Australia. Fiona feels IMPROVE is a valuable course to better inform health professionals about issues around pregnancy loss and to help improve the care and outcomes for families experiencing the loss of a child.

## David Ellwood

Station 2: Autopsy and placental examination

David Ellwood started medical studies at Oxford where he completed a Doctorate in Reproductive Biology and then clinical training at Cambridge. He began training in O&G in Oxford and his specialist and sub-specialty training was completed at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. In 1995 he became Professor of O&G and then Deputy Dean of the ANU Medical School in 2006. He has held the positions of President of Perinatal Society of Australia & New Zealand, Australian New Zealand Stillbirth Alliance and Women's Healthcare Australasia (WHA), Chair of the International Stillbirth Alliance, and is current Chair of the Federation of Asia-Oceania Perinatal Societies (FAOPS). He now holds the positions of Professor of O&G at Griffith University School of Medicine, and is Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Gold Coast University Hospital.

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## **Glenn Gardener**

### Station 2: Autopsy and placental examination

Dr Glenn Gardener is the Director of the Mater Centre for Maternal Fetal Medicine and Senior Staff Specialist in Obstetrics at Mater Mothers Hospital, South Brisbane, the largest maternity facility in Australia. Dr Gardener is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Queensland Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Research Fellow within the Mater Medical Research Institute. Dr Gardener obtained his primary medical degree at the University of Qld and trained in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Queensland. He then went on to sub-specialise in Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) at RPA in Sydney and 2 years at University College London, UK. He returned to his home town of Brisbane as a Consultant in Maternal Fetal Medicine at the Mater Mothers in 2003 and has been Director of the service since 2007. He is an MFM Training Supervisor for the Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

## **Antonia Shand**

### Station 3: Investigation of fetal death

Dr Antonia Shand is a Maternal-Fetal Medicine subspecialist at the Royal Hospital for Women in Sydney, Australia. As part of this position, she runs the hospital perinatal loss clinic. She also works as part of the Clinical and Population Perinatal Health Research group at the Kolling Institute at the University of Sydney.

## **Jane Hirst**

### Station 3: Investigation of fetal death

Dr Jane Hirst is an obstetrician and gynaecologist currently based in the Nuffield Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University of Oxford where she holds a Nuffield Medical Postdoctoral Fellowship. She is also an Honorary Consultant in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, UK. Her research interests are in global health, particularly in the areas of stillbirth prevention and diabetes in pregnancy. She has conducted research and education programs in Australia, the United Kingdom and Vietnam. Currently she is working with the large multinational INTERGROWTH-21st consortium, based in Oxford, investigating the causes and consequences of poor growth in the first 1000 days of life around the world. She completed her specialist training at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney, Australia in 2009 the completed her Masters of Public Health in 2010 and PhD in 2012 both at the University of Sydney. Her research has been recognised through several awards including the Shan S Ratnam Young Gynaecologist Award, the Christopher Kohlenberg Medal, the RANZCOG Early Career Prize, the PSANZ/FAOPS New Investigator Award and the Prime Minister's



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Australia Asia Endeavour Postgraduate Award. Her PhD investigated the prevalence and perinatal outcomes associated with gestational diabetes mellitus in Ho Chi Minh City and Asia, considering the effects on health systems as well as the consequences for women and their babies in resource limited settings. She has been appointed as Senior Lecturer in International Maternal and Child Health at the University of Sydney, where she plans to return in 2015.

## **Alison Kent**

Station 4: Examination of babies who die in the perinatal period

Professor Alison Kent is a Consultant Neonatologist who has worked at The Canberra Hospital for 13 years in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and with the Australian National University Medical School since its opening in 2003. Professor Kent established and has chaired the ACT Perinatal Mortality Committee since 2001, and is a member of the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ) Special Interest Mortality Group. She has been an active participant in the development and maintenance of the PSANZ Perinatal Mortality Guideline aimed at improving classification, reporting and research of perinatal deaths. She is currently the Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Stillbirth Alliance Clinical Practice and Education Committee and is a former Board Member of SIDS and Kids ACT. She has helped develop the IMPROVE program since its early stages and has actively been involved in its translation for use into developing countries in the AsiaOceanic region.

## **Vicki Flenady**

Station 5: Institutional perinatal mortality audit and classification

Associate Professor Vicki Flenady is a perinatal clinical epidemiologist with a specific interest in ensuring clinical care is based on the best available evidence through undertaking and disseminating Cochrane systematic reviews and through studies in implementation science. Vicki is currently Director of the Centre for Translating Research into Practice (TRIP) and Stillbirth Prevention Program team at the Mater Research Institute, University of Queensland (MRI-UQ), Brisbane, Queensland. With a background in midwifery, clinical epidemiology and biostatistics, she is involved in large scale perinatal epidemiological studies on risk factors and data quality at a national and international level with a focus on stillbirth prevention. Vicki has been actively involved in the International Stillbirth Alliance (ISA) since 2006 and is currently co-chair of the Scientific Committee of ISA. Vicki is a founding member of the Australian and New Zealand Stillbirth Alliance, and immediate past president of the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ) and has been actively involved in the IMPROVE Program since its inception at MRI-UQ (the national coordinating centre) with Viviana Rodriguez and Alison Kent (Chair of the ANZSA Clinical Practice and Education Committee).

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## **Adrienne Gordon**

### Station 5: Institutional perinatal mortality audit and classification

Adrienne is a full time Neonatal Staff Specialist in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital centre for newborn care and a Clinical Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney. She has a Masters of Public Health and a PhD on risk factors for stillbirth for which she received an NHMRC Public Health Scholarship. She is particularly interested in perinatal topics with a public health impact. Stillbirth rivals preterm birth in terms of an unsolved perinatal problem with global impact. She is a strong advocate of interactive education to address gaps in clinical practice and is experienced both locally and internationally with the SCORPIO method of teaching used as a basis for the IMPROVE workshop. Adrienne was a member of the ANZSA Board and is a member of the ANZSA research and clinical practice committees as well as ANZSA Regional Coordinator for New South Wales (NSW). She chairs her local Perinatal Mortality Review Committee and is a member of the NSW Health Perinatal Mortality Review Committee. Adrienne also represents NSW on the National Perinatal Mortality Report Advisory Group.

## **Diana Bond**

### Station 6: Psychological and social aspects of perinatal bereavement

Diana Bond is a Clinical Trial Coordinator in perinatal research at the Kolling Institute, University of Sydney and a research officer for the Sydney Stillbirth Study at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. She has worked extensively overseas as a nurse, midwife and childbirth educator, mostly in Canada, the Middle East and Asia. She is also involved with a Health Literacy program in Northern Viet Nam with the Hoc Mai Foundation. Based on her own personal and professional experience of stillbirth, Diana is passionate about the care and support for bereaved families following perinatal loss.

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