

Program

Registration from 8:00am

Conference commences at 8:30am

8:30am – Welcome to Country

8:40am – Helen McCarthy: RHW Director of Nursing & Midwifery

Welcome and Opening Address

9:00am – Prof Gabrielle Casper:

Violence Against Women: A pervasive human rights violation of pandemic proportions

10:00am – Dr Rebecca Deans:

Uterine Transplants: Just when you think you've heard it all!

Morning Tea 10:20am

1050am – Dr Julee Oei:

Epigenetics of Drug Addiction

11:20am – Nora Crotty:

How COVID-19 Complicated a Complicated Birth – a Case Study

11:40am – Prof Joanne Gray:

An Update from the Australian College of Midwives

12:00pm – Dr Terri Foran:

Back in the Saddle! Post partum contraception

Lunch 12:30pm

1:30pm – Prof Adrienne Gordon:

Reducing Avoidable Stillbirth: A Safer Baby Bundle Update

2:00pm – Dr Stephanie Sii:

Advances in Onco-Fertility Treatment

2:20pm – Veronica Hegedus:

Chair Yoga

2:30pm – Sheryl Sidery and Dr Amrita Kapur:

Journey to Homebirth

3:05pm – Shea Caplice:

The Risk of Fear – Or the Fear of Risk?

3:30pm – A/Prof Andrew Bisits:

Why Has Our Focus Changed Over the Last Decade?

4:00pm – Close

Speaker Profiles

Prof Gabrielle Casper is a Sydney Gynaecologist with a special interest in women's health and human rights, including violence against women which is a global, not just a developing world problem. The UN states that: women aged 15-44 are more at risk from rape and domestic violence than from cancer, motor accidents, war and malaria. As Past President of the Australian Federation of Medical Women and Medical Women's International Association, Gabrielle will inspire us to improve women's health in Australia and overseas.

Dr Rebecca Deans is a Gynaecologist working at RHW, the Sydney Children's Hospital and Genea. Rebecca also lectures at UNSW where she is involved in ongoing fertility research and training of medical students. She has a special interest in paediatric and adolescent gynaecology, infertility and fertility surgery including uterine transplants.

Dr Julee Oei is a Neonatologist at RHW and Visiting Medical Officer in Addiction Medicine in Murrumbidgee. She is the current lead of the NSW MoH Substance Use in Pregnancy guideline revision 2021.

Nora Crotty (RN, RM, CFHN, IBCLC) is a Child and Family Health Nurse Educator and has worked in Child and Family Health since 2002. Previously Nora worked in East London as a community midwife.

Prof Joanne Gray is the current ACM President and Head of the Graduate School of Health at UTS, Sydney. Joanne supports midwives and maternity consumers to ensure ACM's strategic direction of promoting woman-centred, midwifery-led, continuity of care continues to expand.

Dr Terri Foran is a Sexual Health Physician and has a special interest in contraception, menopause issues and the management of sexually transmitted infections. Terri has a keen interest in medical journalism and is a regular contributor to both professional and popular publications on sexual health issues.

Prof Adrienne Gordon is a Senior Staff Specialist Neonatologist at RPAH. Adrienne is passionate about the public health impact of a healthy start to life and preventing adverse pregnancy outcomes, especially stillbirth. She is a Chief Investigator on the NHMRC Stillbirth Centre of Research Excellence.

Dr Stephanie Sii is a Fertility and Paediatric Adolescent Gynaecology Fellow currently at RHW. Stephanie's main interest in reproductive medicine is fertility preservation for cancer patients, especially in the area of ovarian tissue grafting.

Speaker Profiles continued...

Sheryl Sidery has been attending births at home for 33 years. When asked in 2018 to come back to RHW to help set up publicly funded home birth, she jumped at the chance. "I knew the women would choose this option. My dream however was to open up new possibilities for the midwives. This has been a lovely achievement".

Dr Amrita Kapur was completing her PhD Thesis in international criminal law and conflict-related sexual violence when she researched and chose homebirth for her first birth. She is currently a gender thematic expert with the Gender and Security Division of DCAF in Geneva, Switzerland.

Shea Caplice is a veteran midwife with extensive experience in midwifery continuity of care models. Shea is currently CMC with the Malabar Midwives Service at RHW, caring for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Shea is a committed midwife and a passionate presenter.

A/ Prof Andrew Bisits is the Co-Director of Maternity Services at RHW and a well known advocate of normal birth – a particularly important topic during this time of heightened anxiety and fear around risk within maternity care. Andrew's presentation will focus on changes in the perception of risk and the consequences of that change, over the last decade.

Registration

Due to Covid restrictions, the Conference is being held both virtually and in person this year. In person seating will be capped and RHW staff and student midwives will be given priority for the first 60 seats. The remaining seats will be allocated to the first 10 non-RHW staff to book.

You can chose to book either an in person seat (if available) or a virtual seat. If the room capacity changes and more seats become available, virtual registrants will be offered an upgrade to in person attendance (at the appropriate rate). Morning tea and lunch will be provided for those attending in person.

- \$80 RHW Staff and Student Midwives attending in person
- \$120 Non RHW staff attending in person (see above)
- Note: Attendance in person is subject to availability**
- \$50 All virtual attendance

6 professional development hours are awarded for attendance. Cancellations after 1st April will incur a 20% fee. Note, there are no refunds on the day.

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The RHW Midwifery Conference

Women's Health in Focus: From Pre-conception to Motherhood

Friday, 23rd April 2021



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