



MNCN Newsletter – Winter edition

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2017 Statewide Conference

Felicity Occleshaw – Project Officer MNCN

On Tuesday May 23rd, almost 400 clinicians, educators, students, managers and directors came from all over Victoria to join the Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network team at the iconic MCG for the 2017 statewide conference. The schedule was jam-packed and delegates were treated to presentations from Safer Care Victoria CEO Euan Wallace,

Coroner Audrey Jamieson and a large group of talented clinicians. Admittedly I'm biased, but it was thoroughly inspiring to see the enormous breadth and depth of work being undertaken to promote excellent care for women and babies. Happily you don't just have to take my word for it. A whopping 236 delegates responded to our conference evaluation survey and you were also impressed.



Your favourite plenary presentation: The role of the coroner



Lunch with a view. Julie Wright delivering the ‘Most relevant’ Maternity presentation – Maternity eHandbook.



Jen Sloane delivering your favourite Neonatal presentation – ViCTOR Newborn implementation. IT troubleshooting with Pam and Lisa – always a favourite part of conference organising.

Happily for the network team, you declared all of the plenary sessions ‘Very relevant’. You told us that the most beneficial aspect of the conference was ‘Gaining a better understanding of current issues in Victorian Maternity and Newborn services’. And a huge 79% of you said that you would change your practice as a result of something you learnt at the conference.

We asked what you liked most about the conference and you said...well, you said 177 different things which I won’t list here. In brief: Glyn Teale and his work with the DIAMOND Clinic were a big hit; Audrey Jamieson and Euan Wallace were also very popular; you enjoyed the venue, food and networking; and the voice given to challenges of regional and rural work.

There were things you didn’t like: The short time frame for panel discussions; frustrations with having seen some of the presentations before; having to choose between maternity and neonatal presentations; and some venue issues relating to seating, noise, disposable cups and parking. Definitely details we can work on for the next conference, along with the many, many requests for various presentation topics.

Watch this space – in 2018 we will be bringing you another inspirational day!



Maternity eHandbook



The Maternity eHandbook subcommittee has been hard at work drafting, revising and finalising the top five topics. Due for publication on the MNCN site in July are:

1. Induction of labour: Pathway of care, patient information, booking form template and an audit tool.
2. Preterm labour: Pathway of care and assessment and management flowcharts.
3. Decreased fetal movements: Pathway of care and management flowchart.
4. PROM: Pathway of care, assessment and management flowchart and patient information.
5. PPROM: Pathway of care, three assessment and management flowcharts and patient information.

The Maternity eHandbook will be located on the new Safer Care Victoria website: www.safercare.vic.gov.au

For all Maternity eHandbook queries, email maternityebook@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Neonatal eHandbook



Associate Professor Sue Jacobs, Deputy Clinical Director of Neonatal Services at The Women's Hospital joins us as the new chair of the Neonatal eHandbook subcommittee. We bid farewell to outgoing chair, Carl Kuschel, and thank him for his enormous contribution over the past three and a half years.

We are also pleased to announce updates to the following handbook topics (hyperlinks below):

1. [Listeria monocytogenes infection in neonates](#)
2. [Inguinal hernia and hydrocele in neonates](#)
3. [Oesophageal atresia and tracheo-oesophageal fistula in neonates](#)
4. [Supraventricular tachycardia \(SVT\) in neonates](#)
5. [Ambiguous genitalia in neonates](#)
6. [Intramuscular injections for neonates](#)

The entire handbook can be accessed at:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/patient-care/perinatal-reproductive/neonatal-ebook>

Maternity Dashboard Project



We extend a warm welcome to Fiona O'Leary, who is heading up this exciting collaboration between the MNCN and VMIA. This project follows on from the 2016 work of Professor Euan Wallace and Mary-Ann Davey in the area of maternity dashboard indicators. The range of indicators and associated report have been used to create a project set to be rolled out across four Victorian pilot sites.

The Dashboard project allows maternity services to review their performance on a monthly basis, using a report they can run in-house. Project work will also support hospitals to act on results and to access state-wide networks to benchmark outcomes. Project work is underway and expected to be operational towards the end of 2017.



Immunisation Update



Rotarix vaccine is to replace RotaTeq vaccine from 1 July 2017

Rotavirus vaccine is the only vaccine on the schedule not included in the definition of fully vaccinated in relation to family assistance payments and for childcare enrolment.

- The oral rotavirus vaccine **Rotarix**, given in a 2-dose schedule at 2 months (from 6 weeks) and 4 months of age, will replace RotaTeq vaccine from 1 July 2017.
- **Rotarix** age restrictions apply. The 1st dose must be administered prior to 15 weeks of age and the 2nd dose prior to 25 weeks of age.
- During the brand switch period, some infants may potentially receive fewer doses than routinely scheduled when using the RotaTeq brand.

Rotarix vaccine stock information for immunisation providers

- Prior to July 2017, start to reduce your stock of RotaTeq vaccine.
- Reduce the quantity of stock ordered monthly as Rotarix is a 2 dose rather than a 3 dose course

More information

The link below provides expert clinical advice to assist in the switch from RotaTeq to **Rotarix**:

<http://immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/public/shing.nsf/Content/news-20171905>

Whooping cough: A baby's struggle

To watch Sativah's story and for more information on pertussis vaccination, head to: [Sativah's Story](#)

ViCTOR Newborn



Following successful completion of the ViCTOR Newborn project, ViCTOR Birth Suite/Postnatal and ViCTOR Special Care Nursery charts are now available. ViCTOR charts can be used in any Victorian health services and are designed to be used alongside the health service's neonatal and paediatric observation and escalation of care procedures.

For more information and to order charts for your service, go to www.victor.org.au

PSANZ Award Winners



A big congratulations to A/Prof. Wei Qi, one of our Network Leadership Group members, and her associates Amy Gan and Olivia Crane. Wei Qi, Amy and Alice have been awarded the 2017 PSANZ Early Life Nutrition Award for their work on milk fortification for low birth weight babies. Their work demonstrated that earlier fortification improves nutrition, shortens the duration of post-birth weight loss, leads to less feeding intolerance and potentially reduces length of stay.

For submitting the best presentation on maternal or neonatal nutrition they have won \$5000 which they are generously donating to the Northern Health Neonatal Unit.



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What's happening in your service? Would you like to contribute news or advertise an event?

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Upcoming Events

July 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Ausmed: How to be an inspirational & effective leader.	18 Ausmed: How to be an inspirational & effective leader.	19	20	21	22
23	24 MNCN visiting Grampians & Barwon	25 MNCN visiting Grampians & Barwon	26 Mercy Perinatal: Substance use in pregnancy at twilight (Free)	27 Ausmed: Midwifery and the Law	28 Ausmed: Midwifery and the Law	29
30	31					
	School holidays					



August 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 ANMF Victorian Midwifery Homecare SIG Prof. Dev. Seminar.	5
6	7 MNCN visiting Gippsland	8 MNCN visiting Gippsland	9	10 The Women's: Birth Skills Essentials	11	12 ACM: Promoting Normal Birth Seminar
13	14 HypnoBirthing® Childbirth Educator Certification Training	15 HypnoBirthing® Childbirth Educator Certification Training	16 HypnoBirthing® Childbirth Educator Certification Training	17 HypnoBirthing® Childbirth Educator Certification Training	18	19 Mercy Perinatal: Mental Health Seminar
20	21 MNCN visiting Northern Health	22 MNCN visiting Peninsula Health	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
<p><i>If you have future events you would like added to the calendar please email lisa.oro@dhhs.vic.gov.au</i></p>						