AN EDUCATION FOCUSED RESPONSE TO REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF POST-PARTUM HAEMORRHAGE

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POST-PARTUM HAEMORRHAGE ON THE RISE, WHY?

• Worldwide
• Australia, United Kingdom, America
• Victoria
• Mercy Hospital for Women
MERCY HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN STATISTICS

Vaginal Births with PPH

WHAT IS THE CAUSE?

The causes of PPH are often summarised as the four Ts:

• tone
• trauma
• tissue
• thrombin

An additional T has frequently been added to emphasise the utility of an operating theatre in the management of severe PPH.⁷
WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

• Morbidity and Mortality
• Staff to Patient Ratio
• Organisation
• Department of Health
HOW COULD THIS BE IMPROVED?

• Establishment of PPH Working Group
• Audits conducted to identify trends
• Recommendations for improvement in practices and education
• Government Initiatives
Issues identified at Mercy Hospital for Women

• Reluctance to call codes
• Local practices leading to delays in both identifying and treating PPH
• Lack of awareness of protocols

Midwife BJ supporting a hospital birth
EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

• Face to Face
• Workshops
• Obstetric Simulation
• Case Studies
OBSTETRIC SIMULATION
EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

- PPH Drug Box
- Hand Over
EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

- Code Education
- PPH Tool
OUTCOMES FOR MERCY HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

Vaginal Births with PPH
WHERE TO NOW?

• New Focus for Simulation
• Continue Audits
• Implement Ongoing Evidence Based Practice
WHERE TO NOW FOR VICTORIA?

VPDC – new fields to record more accurate data

• Blood loss assessment indicator
• Blood loss in mls
• Main reason for excessive blood loss during childbirth
ANY QUESTIONS?
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