



3rd Biennial Conference  
**Breathing New Life into Maternity Care**  
**Working together - learning from each other**  
Alice Springs Convention Centre  
Northern Territory, Australia  
1 - 4 July 2010

## Call for Abstracts

### Aims of Seminar

To bring together midwives and obstetricians in a collaborative forum to consider ways in which we can work and learn together and from each other and continue to improve maternal care and perinatal outcomes.

To identify safe effective evidence based alternative approaches to practice, and opportunities that support collaboration and learning.

To consider sustainable policy, education, workforce, practice and research innovations to enhance the health and wellbeing of women and their babies for future generations.

### Audience

All health professionals, including midwives, obstetricians, neonatologists, General Practitioners, nurses and allied health professionals, interested in perinatal and maternity outcomes

Health services executives including Director of Midwifery / Medical / Clinical Services

Program managers with interests in improving quality, efficiency, and risk management

Policy makers and planners and consumers of maternity care

### Important Dates

- 7th December 2009 – submission of abstracts
- 15th December 2009 – notification of acceptance
- 26th February 2010 – deadline for speaker registration
- 1st May 2010 – submission of PowerPoint presentation

Conference website: [www.breathingnewlife.remark.com.au](http://www.breathingnewlife.remark.com.au)

Presented by:  
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## Call for papers and workshop submissions

Submissions for abstracts that demonstrate collaborative around the following themes:

- Indigenous maternal health
- Fear and childbirth
- Maternal risk factors
- Mental health and childbirth
- Birth support roles
- Maternal obesity
- The role of simulation training for obstetric emergencies
- Risk management, responsibilities, challenges and opportunities
- Collaborative teams now and in the future
- Safety, quality and team work
- Leadership and teamwork
- Pre and post natal pain

## Fees

Presenters at the conference must pay their own travel expenses. Presenters are also required to pay the applicable registration fees. Oral presentations - a 25% reduction on the early bird registration fee will be awarded to delegates, provided this registration fee is received by 30 November 2009. Poster presenters are not eligible for the 25% reduction on the early bird registration fee.

## Selection process

The Symposium Program Committee will review all abstracts and make selections based on content, objectives, relevance to the conference themes, and the evaluation criteria.

The deadline for abstract submissions is **2 November 2009**. All persons submitting abstracts will receive notification of the committee's decision no later than **15 December 2009**. The deadline for the presenting author's registration fee is **26 February 2010**. If the registration fees have not been paid the abstract will not be included in the final program and book of abstracts.

Abstracts will be allocated oral or poster presentations by the Scientific Program Committee, with consideration given to the author's preference. Being granted an oral presentation is subject to the quality of the abstract submission and availability within the relevant session. Authors requesting poster presentations will have their request granted subject to acceptance of the abstract.

## Guidelines for abstracts

Abstracts should:

- Be presented in Microsoft Word format and be no more than 300 words in length
- Include the title of the proposed paper, each author's name with the name of the presenting author underlined and contact details, i.e. address, phone and email
- Font must be Times New Roman, size 11 point. All typing should be single-spaced
- Title, Author's name(s), Affiliation (institution, city, and country) and presenter's email address should all be centred, and the body of the abstract should be full justified.
- The Title must use Upper and lower case letters and be in **bold text**
- Please underline the name of the presenting author
- Leave one blank line between the presenting author's email address and the beginning of the body of the abstract. A new line may be used for each paragraph in the body of the abstract
- All margins (top, bottom, left and right) must be set to 2.5cm
- Abbreviations may be used only after first defining the term. Use generic names for medicines. Write numbers as numerals rather than words
- Tables, figures, literature references and acknowledgements should not form any part of the abstract's content.
- It is the responsibility of the presenting author to ensure accuracy of content, spelling and presentation as abstracts will be published as submitted, subject to reformatting that may be required by the conference organisers.

## Presentation format

Abstracts accepted will be presented at the seminar as a PowerPoint presentation. In addition to the presentation, papers for accepted abstracts will also be welcomed. Presenters will be allocated a 20 - minute timeslot, including 5 minutes for discussion.

Abstracts should be emailed to: [events@remark.com.au](mailto:events@remark.com.au)

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