

Members of the Guideline Development Group for WHO recommendations on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of postpartum haemorrhage

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Aris Papageorghiou is Professor of Fetal Medicine at the University of Oxford, Research Director of the Oxford Maternal and Perinatal Health Institute, and Clinical Professor of Obstetrics at St George's Hospital in London. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and since 2023 Chair of the Technical Advisory Group for WHO Maternal Perinatal Health Guidelines. His clinical expertise is as an Obstetrician and MFM subspecialist, including maternal and perinatal health, maternal disease in pregnancy, fetal surgery and ultrasound. He runs research programmes in maternal, fetal and perinatal health, clinical epidemiology, trials, data synthesis and implementation science. He has authored over 450 original articles and has an h-index of 92. He has received many honours, including Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Athens; Visiting Professorship at Capital Medical University, Beijing; Honorary Fellow Award of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine; Fellowship of the International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Sadiya Ahsan

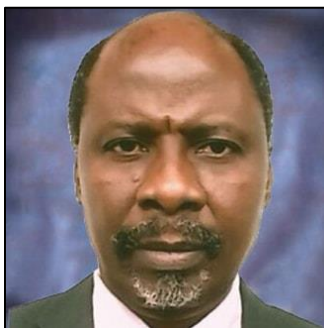


Sadiya Ahsan is Medical Director, Professor, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at New Beginnings Hospital & Australian Concept Fertility Center Karachi, Pakistan. She is an educator who was formerly Professor at Baqai Medical University. She is Vice President of Association for Mothers & Newborns (AMAN) and Member of the National Committee of Maternal & Neonatal Health of Pakistan (NCMNH). In addition, she is a founder member of the Midwifery Association of Pakistan (MAP) & AMAN. In addition, Dr Ahsan serves as Executive Board member & Ex-Vice President of the Society of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists of Pakistan (SOGP); Member Editorial Board of the Journal of Pakistan Medical Association (JPMA); Member & Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (RCOG), UK and a former Member of its International Representative Committee (IRC) for Pakistan; Member Board of Governors PSI (Population Services International, USA); Advisor & Ex-Chairperson for the Maternal and Perinatal Health Committee of the South Asian Federation of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (SAFOG) & Editorial Board Member of its journal (JSAFOG); Chairperson and organizer of Concept & SOGP International conferences, Hybrid/ Virtual conferences & trainings (during Covid 19 pandemic).

Dr Ahsan is the lead author of the recently published PPH guidelines for Pakistan (JPMA 2024): spearheading PPH Bundle/ EMOTIVE workshops in Pakistan (>1500 Doctors and Midwives trained in 1 year) under guidance of Prof Thomas Burke, MGH Boston), with AMAN, NCMNH & SAFOG; facilitating local manufacture of calibrated drapes. Authored numerous articles in national & international journals, book chapters, and developed guidelines and training manuals. She is also a member of the FIGO Delphi review committee on Ovulatory disorders (2022). Dr Ahsan also developed the Covid-19 in pregnancy management guidelines for Pakistan (for SOGP-WHO-MOH & WHO) and Covid-19 vaccination for pregnant women position statement for Pakistan. She developed the cervical cancer screening / prevention guidelines for SOGP & NCMNH and is currently working on an ongoing digital data collection initiative and launch of the HPV vaccine in Pakistan. Dr Ahsan has been involved in advocacy and training for cervical cancer prevention for >25 years.

Dr Ahsan has been an invited speaker at national & international conferences. She represented Pakistan for SHRH (FP & Abortion situation in Pakistan) on behalf of the Pakistan Alliance for Post Abortion Care (PAPAC) at the United Nations Assembly 2017. She is a Trainer & Consultant for WHO (Labour care guide (LCG), Family Planning standards, MEC, ACS guidelines for Pakistan), adapted the WHO SHRH, PCPNC, MCPC (3rd edition for Pakistan) manuals (2023); Best Practices in Values Clarification & Attitude Transformation (VCAT) / Behavior change. She is also a Consultant/ Trainer for UNFPA, Ipas, Jhpiego, MSS, FPAP, Willow's Foundation, GSM, SOGP, AMAN, NCMNH with regular Workshops on colposcopy, VIA, contraception, postpartum intrauterine contraceptive device, manual vacuum aspiration, VCAT in Reproductive Health, and Emergency obstetrics & newborn care (EmONC).

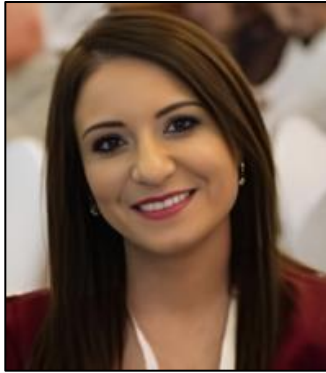
Oluwarotimi Irete Akinola



Oluwarotimi Irete Akinola is a professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria.

He has about 30 years academic work experience. His research focus has been on developing appropriate low cost and effective techniques in managing obstetric and gynaecological problems in low- and middle-income countries. His work has led him to being co-opted into various technical working groups of the State, Federal Ministry of Health and World Health Organization on emergency obstetric care and cervical cancer prevention. He has published over 80 scientific articles and presented papers at various international conferences. Professor Akinola was a former President of the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON).

Hadil Ali-Masri



Hadil Y. Ali-Masri, MBBS, PhD is a practicing consultant obstetrician & gynecologist. She completed her PhD in detection and prevention of obstetric anal sphincter injuries in Palestine at University of Oslo, Norway (2018). Her research project resulted in improved diagnosis, management, and prevention of maternal childbirth trauma. She has an experience in quantitative and qualitative research related to maternal health in collaboration with national and international partners. She is currently involved in Midwifery Research and Education Development (MIDRED) project titled “Exploring Quality of Maternal and Newborn Care in Palestine” a collaboration between Birzeit University and Ministry of Health in Palestine, Oslo Metropolitan University in Norway and University of Ghana in Ghana.

She is assigned as a part-time assistant professor of Women’s Health master program at Birzeit University, where she is responsible for developing course curriculum and supervising master thesis in addition to teaching.

Dr Hadil has been the head of Women’s Health & Development Unit at the ministry of Health since 2020. She is a diligent professional with strong work ethics, who co-leads the national efforts to attain the highest possible level of sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls, in partnership with NGOs and UN organizations. As a policy-maker, Dr Hadil’s role includes but not limited to undertaking situation analysis, formulating and revising strategies and policies, development of evidence-based contextualized clinical national protocols and guidelines, in addition to extensive capacity building of healthcare providers.

As a former member of the Palestinian OBGYN Scientific Board committee and a current member of the Palestinian OBGYN Specialty Program Supervisory Committee, Dr Hadil contributes to revising pre-requisites for OBGYN specialty programs, learning resources and assessment of trainee doctors.

Ferdousi Begum



Prof Dr Ferdousi Begum is an accomplished clinician who has worked in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology for more than 35 years. In addition, she is a medical educationist, teacher, orator, researcher, public health worker, organizer, leader and administrator. Presently she is working as Professor and departmental head of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Institute of Women and Child Health, Savar and Chairman of OGSB Hospital and IRCH, Dhaka, Bangladesh. In addition to her clinical work, she presently is the co-principal investigator of two WHO-HQ lead Implementation Research on “Immediate Kangaroo Mother Care” and “Antenatal Corticosteroid”. In her career she is trained and experienced in protocol, guideline and curriculum development and developed / involved with more than sixty of such activities supported by Obstetrical and Gynaecological

Society of Bangladesh (OGSB), Government of Bangladesh and development partners. She has more than eighty publications in peer reviewed journals.

Her aspirations are to work hard, serve the humanity, develop others as expert clinician and researcher; being rational in life with observation, patience and action. She is a popular teacher in undergraduate and post graduate medical education and all categories of health service providers. Her clinical work covers and reproductive endocrinology, maternal and fetal medicine including Emergency Obstetric Care, women’s reproductive and sexual health and rights, violence against women, preventive health and may others. Her special interest is PPH, maternal mortality, leadership development initiative, curriculum / guideline /SOP development. She was trained and worked in Dhaka Medical College, Sir Salimullah Medical College and BIRDEM General Hospital, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India: Peradeniya University, Sri Lanka and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. and almost all level of health facilities of Bangladesh efficiently and has an excellent understanding about health systems. She has travelled and worked in 36 countries. She is a dreamer, leader and doer.

Among many of her accomplishments being a successful trainer and implementer of Emergency Obstetric Care in Bangladesh and Afghanistan; development, establishment and continuous work to updating Management Information System on maternal and newborn health in Bangladesh; conducting clinical trials and implementation research, innovation of different teaching methodology, inspiring junior for research and publication and public health work; innovation of calibrated drape for collection of blood after vaginal delivery; further development and training of PPH and preeclampsia and SRHR, leadership young Obstetricians & Gynaecologists Emergency Management of PPH & PE through bundle approach: are worth mentioning which contributes to saving lives and ensuring quality of care. She has been awarded prestigious FIGO International award for “Distinguished work in Women Health” 2023; Nationally ATN award on “Jogorone Nari” (women in the movement to rise and shine) and “Mother Teresa” award in recognition to her contribution in women’s health and rights.

Brendan Carvalho



Dr Carvalho is the Chief of Obstetric Anesthesiology and Maternal Health, Vice Chair of Faculty Development, Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine, and Professor (Courtesy) in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Stanford University Medical Center. He is the Past President of the Society of Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) and founder the SOAP Center of Excellence for Obstetric Anesthesia Care Designation. He has published extensively in the field of Obstetric Anesthesia with over 400 peer-reviewed articles, editorials, reviews, book chapters and commentaries, with more than 12,000 citations and an h-index score of 64. He has received several NIH, pharmaceutical and institutional grants, and won numerous research awards including three Best Research Papers at SOAP scientific meetings. Dr Carvalho has won both the early and late-career Teacher of the Year awards at SOAP and was voted Teacher of the Year at Stanford University's Departments of Anesthesia. He has presented at over 400 regional, national and international meetings and visiting professorships. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the SOAP, the Ellis N. Cohen Achievement Award from the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine, and the Distinguished Service Award from Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. He serves/has served on numerous national medical society committees and medical journal editorial boards, and as an advisor/consultant to the World Health Organization. His clinical and translational research and scholarly activities cover cesarean and labor analgesia, perinatal pharmacology and immunology, obstetric hemorrhage, and postpartum recovery.

Catherine Deneux-Tharaux

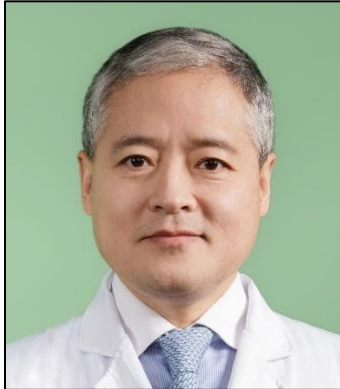


Catherine Deneux-Tharaux holds a double degree in Medicine (MD) and Public Health from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (MPH) in the United States and Université de Paris (PhD) in France. After starting her career in clinical activity, she chose to become a full-time researcher in perinatal epidemiology. She is currently a research director at Inserm, the French national Institute for Health and Medical Research.

Her research focuses on identifying the determinants of the most severe maternal complications: maternal mortality and severe morbidity, in particular severe postpartum haemorrhage, with a special interest for determinants related to care and its quality. The final objective is to identify areas for improvement to reduce the occurrence of these severe events. Her research program combines observational and interventional approaches, in France and Europe. She has coordinated several large-scale randomized trials on PPH prevention and treatment.

She coordinates the French Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths (ENCMM), and leads the “Severe Maternal Morbidity” group at the Center for Statistics and Epidemiology of Université de Paris. She chairs the Scientific board of the French Society for Perinatal Medicine (SFMP).

Tao ‘Tony’ Duan



Tony (Tao) Duan is a distinguished Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the former President & CEO of Shanghai 1st Maternity and Infant Hospital (SFMIH) of Tongji University, China.

He completed his medical degree in 1987 from Shandong Medical University, China, and subsequently pursued his PhD at Shanghai Medical University in China, graduating in 1992. During his doctoral studies, he conducted a research on the pathogenesis of preeclampsia at Marburg Philips University in Germany.

In 2007, he was appointed President of SFMIH of Tongji University, and also took on the role of Director of the Shanghai Women's Health Institute. Under his leadership, the hospital became the largest maternity hospital in China, with a record of over 33,900 deliveries in 2016. SFMIH also consistently secured the highest number of National Natural Science Foundation grants for obstetrics and gynecology departments in China.

In addition to his leadership roles, Dr Duan served as the 6th President of the Chinese Perinatal Society, as a respected scientist, he has led numerous national research projects, focusing on key areas such as preterm birth, preeclampsia, postpartum hemorrhage, and birth defects. He has supervised over 40 postgraduate and PhD theses and authored more than 80 publications.

Dr Duan’s commitment to improving maternal and infant healthcare is exemplified by his efforts in patient safety and quality improvement. Notably, through his initiatives, he successfully reduced the hospital’s cesarean section rate from approximately 70% to under 40% within five years.

María Fernanda Escobar Vidarte



María Fernanda Escobar Vidarte is from Colombia. She trained in Obstetrics and Gynecology and completed her Clinic Epidemiology Master at the Universidad de la Frontera in Chile, as well a Fellowship in Critical Care and Intensive Care Medicine in Universidad del Valle in Cali, Colombia, and at the University of Pittsburgh, USA, and a master degree in Social Innovation at the Universidad ICECI in Cali, Colombia.

She has represented Latin America at the Figo Committee for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health and is a consultant to the Ministry of Health of Colombia. She believes that improving maternal health and reproductive and sexual rights will help empower women and positively affect the national growth rate. Currently, she is the chief physician at the Global Equity in Health Unit and the Hospital Padrino strategy in Fundación Valle del Lili, Cali, Colombia. As a former professor at the University ICESI in Cali, Colombia, she believes in educating health workers at all skill levels with no technical competencies and humanization and in the power of research as a generation of knowledge and change.

With extensive experience in managing critical care obstetrics patients, Maria Fernanda has worked in international programs focused on strategies to reduce maternal and perinatal deaths, especially in low and middle income countries.

Sue Fawcus



Sue Fawcus is a Senior Research Scholar and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Cape Town. She recently retired from 25 years as Head of Obstetric services at Mowbray Maternity Hospital where her main goals were quality improvement of public sector maternity care, the promotion of respectful care and the reduction of maternal mortality. Previously, in Zimbabwe, she was a local investigator for the Masvingo and Harare community-based enquiry into maternal deaths. Since 1998, she has been a member of the National Committee for Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths in South Africa, with the responsibility of analyzing all deaths due to obstetric haemorrhage and deaths related to caesarean section in South Africa. She is currently the Editor of the national Saving Mothers reports. More recently, she has assisted with research and audit on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on maternal and reproductive health. She has been a PI for Western Cape, South Africa for several important clinical trials; the Amnioinfusion trial, the Early ECV trial, the Calcium and Pre-Eclampsia trial, and more recently the E-MOTIVE trial.

Caroline Homer



Prof Caroline Homer, AO is the Deputy Director of Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the Burnet Institute and Emeritus Professor of Midwifery at the University of Technology Sydney. She is the Chair of the WHO's Strategic Technical Advisory Committee for Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (STAGE). She has been part of WHO guideline panels for many years including the recent postnatal care guidelines. Caroline has led research and development in midwifery, especially strengthening midwifery education for more than 25 years in Australia and across the Asia-Pacific region.

Simon Lewin



Simon Lewin is Professor of Health Management and Health Systems in the Department of Health Sciences Ålesund, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and a Senior Researcher at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health and the South African Medical Research Council. He has a keen interest in how research evidence can be used to strengthen health systems. Simon's methodological interests include approaches for undertaking systematic reviews of complex health system interventions, and methods for synthesizing the findings of multiple qualitative studies and assessing confidence in such findings. He is a Co-lead for Cochrane People, Health Systems and Public Health, a Coordinator of the GRADE-CERQual Project Group and has participated in a number of WHO Advisory Committees.

Suellen Miller



Prof Suellen Miller is Director of the Safe Motherhood Program and Professor, University of California, San Francisco Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Emerita Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health, USA. She is recognized internationally as a researcher and clinical trialist, conducting both qualitative and quantitative research, mainly in lower resourced settings. Her research focuses on maternal survival, maternal health, evidence-based care, and respectful quality maternity care. Some research examples include: comparative studies of varying strategies and treatments for obstetric hemorrhage, including seminal trials of the Non-pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (NASG), misoprostol for PPH prevention and treatment at

the community level, the continuum of maternal care, and respectful maternity care. She works with Dr Alison El Ayadi on a program of research on fistula in Uganda. She collaborated with the World Health Organization and the E-MOTIVE Project on postpartum haemorrhage care bundles; the results, published in NEJM (2023), were featured as one of NEJM Notable Articles. She served as Co-Chair of the Steering Committee for the WHO Postpartum Hemorrhage Summit, 2023. The author of over 150 peer-reviewed journal articles, Professor Miller was lead author of “Beyond Too Little Too Late, Too Much Too Soon,” in the Lancet 2016 Maternal Health Series and “Quality of Care in Institutionalized Deliveries: The Paradox of Maternal Mortality in the Dominican Republic” in IJGO, senior author on “Postpartum hemorrhage care bundles to improve adherence to guidelines: A WHO technical consultation.” A past member of FIGO’s Safe Motherhood Committee, she is a founding member and on the executive committee of FIGO’s International Childbirth Initiative (ICI).

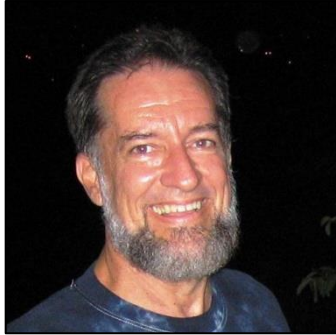
Suneeta Mittal



rof (Dr) Suneeta Mittal is an Obstetrician and Gynecologist who worked as faculty at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and headed the department for over 10 years. She was Director-in-Charge, WHO-CCR in Human Reproduction. She is an astute clinician and researcher with experience of 47 years, currently working as Senior Director and HOD at Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram.

She has worked as WHO short term consultant on reproductive health issues for the Governments of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), Maldives & Fiji Islands, UNFPA consultant for Mongolia & Fiji Islands and as Regional Editor WHO Reproductive Health Library. She is a pioneer to introduce emergency contraception in India and has issued national guidelines for medical abortion and emergency contraception. She launched 12 by 12 Initiative for preventing adolescent anaemia with long term goal of making pregnancy safer. She has done an adaptation and Indianisation of the WHO Medical Eligibility Criteria Wheel and has developed minimum standards for Mother Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative for the Government of India and UNICEF. She has held important portfolios in national & international professional societies including Vice President FOGSI, President AOGD, Vice President ISSRF and ISOPARB and India Coordinator, Global Network for Perinatal & Reproductive Health and Asia Pacific Network for Promotion of Emergency Contraception. She is recipient of an honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, London, several other fellowships and awards and appointed as Consultant / Expert to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, World Bank, UNFPA, WHO, SIDA, ICMR & NIHFW for RCH. She was profiled by The Lancet as ‘Crusader of Women’s Health’. She has delivered over 600 guest lectures and papers at national and international conferences and CMEs and has published over 400 articles in national and international journals, edited 3 books, written over 40 book chapters, and has been part of 12 WHO guidelines and monograms.

Glen Mola



Glen Liddell Mola is a graduate of Melbourne (MBBS 1970) and Sydney (DPH 1974) universities and a fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the UK and Australia-New Zealand. He has worked as a doctor in many provinces of Papua New Guinea (starting off as district medical officer at Kainantu in EHP in 1972), and in a number of other developing countries in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. He has been a consultant to Ausaid-dfat, World Bank, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, Swedish Development Agency and UNHCR. He has been a lecturer at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Papua New Guinea since 1987, and was appointed Professor of

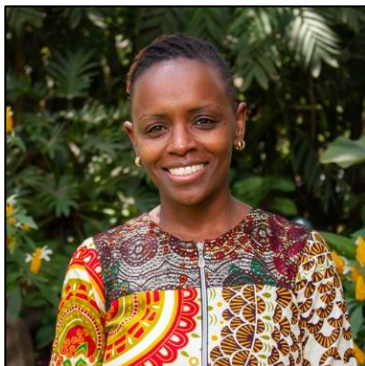
Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1995: he is a senior clinical consultant at the Port Moresby General Hospital. Professor Mola's main research interests are tuberculosis in pregnancy, maternal mortality in LMICs and operative obstetrics.

Rintaro Mori



Rintaro Mori is a global health practitioner in the areas of women's and children's health with over 25 years' experience at the community, national, and international levels. He is a qualified paediatrician in both Japan and the United Kingdom, involved in policy/guideline development in the UK, Japan and a number of low- and middle-income countries. Rintaro has had working experiences with and for WHO and UNFPA with academic roles at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the University of Tokyo and others with a track record of over 250 scientific publications in internationally recognised journals.

Kui Muraya



Dr Kui Muraya is an afro-optimist and a gender equity champion. Professionally, she is a senior gender and health systems researcher with over 15 years' experience in qualitative social science research. She was previously the Theme Lead for Adolescent, Young Adults and Children's Health and Wellbeing Research at the Population Council, Kenya. She is a senior fellow of the Aspen New Voices Fellowship – awarded in recognition of her strong advocacy around gender equity and social justice more broadly. Kui was also a fellow of The Initiative to Develop African Research Leaders (IDeAL) from 2017-2019. For several years she led the gender and health research portfolio at the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme. In

recent years, Kui has been an active voice in the Decolonizing Global Health Movement, advocating for equity, diversity, and accountability in global health partnerships; and in the way we undertake and fund health research.

Ashraf Nabhan



Dr Ashraf Nabhan is a Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Faculty of Medicine at Ain Shams University, Egypt. He serves as Chairman of the National Clinical Practice Guideline Development Committee, Egypt. Dr. Nabhan is also a Consultant of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Cleopatra Hospital Group, Egypt. He currently serves as the Senior Editor of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth, Springer Nature.

Angela Ndunge Nguku



Angela Nguku is the driving force behind White Ribbon Alliance Kenya, championing Reproductive, Maternal, and Newborn Health (RMNH). A graduate midwife and a passionate advocate, her advocacy resonates deeply, pushing for the prioritization of the self-articulated needs of women, girls, and newborns and midwives in under-resourced regions. Angela played a critical role in the unprecedented and transformative What Women Want Campaign, emphasizing the ASK-LISTEN-ACT approach, which reshaped programming by centering on the articulated needs of end-users.

Beyond advocacy, Angela's leadership extends to regional and global platforms, where she has influenced and still influences policy and strategy. Her roles on various committees and boards, including the AlignMNH committee, the Unifying Midwifery in Africa steering committee, the Peoples' Advisory Board of the Lancet Global Health Commission on High Quality Health Systems in the SDGs Era, Merck for Mothers Advisory board, The WHO Postpartum Hemorrhage (PPH) steering committee, among others underscore her commitment to impactful change. Angela's expertise is in high demand as a speaker and author, shedding light on crucial topics such as women and girls (people) -led health agendas and the indispensable role of midwives in achieving quality healthcare for all. As the co-chair of the global White Ribbon Alliance movement, Angela continues to drive progress towards equitable RMNH and gender rights worldwide.

Anand Tamang



Mr Anand Tamang is the founding Director of the Center for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities (CREHPA), a not-for-profit research organization based in Kathmandu, Nepal. He has over 42 years of professional research experience – first 10 years in India where he worked for Operations Research Group, Baroda, a research and consultancy organization (1979-1989). His research skills/ expertise are in the field of population, SRH including maternal health care, abortion, family planning, adolescent SRH, human trafficking, GBV including child, early and forced marriage (CEFM). He and his organization work closely with the Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Women Children and Senior Citizen, UNICEF Nepal, UNFPA Nepal, UNFPA APRO, and with several overseas research organizations and universities. He and his organization have contributed significantly in the legalization of abortion in Nepal in 2002 by conducting policy-relevant research studies and public opinion polls related to abortion and using these evidence for national advocacy for abortion law reform (1996-2002). During his professional research carrier, he served as the member of the Gender Advisory Panel (2005-2009) of WHO, Geneva, and member of the Regional Advisory Panel (2007-2012), SEARO/WHO and Steering Committee member of Asia Safe Abortion Partner (ASAP). Mr Tamang is the co-founder of the Girls Not Brides Nepal where he served as National Coordinator (2012-2019).

Surekha Tayade



Prof Surekha Tayade, MBBS, MD, DNB (Obstetrics and Gynaecology), MNAMS, FICOG, FIME, FAIMER Fellow did her graduation and post-graduation from Government Medical College, Nagpur. First amongst girls in Higher Secondary Examination in Maharashtra, she also won the Anand Jiwne gold medal in Medicine from Nagpur University. She joined the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences in Sewagram, India in 2002, was a full Professor and headed an independent unit until 2019. A passionate teacher and a postgraduate guide, she has taught many postgraduates the art and science of surgery. She did the prestigious FAIMER fellowship from PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Coimbatore, India. Presently she is the Professor and Unit head at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College. Sawangi (Meghe), Wardha since last 5 years.

Vice-President of Academy of Medical Sciences at MGIMS, she is also Master Trainer, Emergency Obstetrics Care (EmOC) project of Bill Melinda Gates foundation, FIGO- FOGSI-GOI, Skilled Birth Attendant trainer, Basic EmOC trainer, Member of core committee of the National and State Quality Assurance Cell, Emergency Obstetric Care project, part of curriculum building team for EMOC /Life saving anaesthetic skills training, Nodal officer for district level MDR committee and Co- leader in Maternal Death Review Project of Government of India. She has worked for developing teaching videos for training nonspecialized doctors with Jhpiego and is a member of a

team that is developing tools for recognizing acute severe maternal morbidity in the Maternal Near Miss Review project of FIGO-FOGSI and GOI. She is presently also on the expert committee of Indian Government for developing guidelines to establish Obstetric HDUs /ICUs throughout Medical schools in India.

Dr Surekha Tayade joined the Women's Health Task Force in 2013 and is the founder member of Women's Health Together for Future. She has received the GHETS mini grant twice to pursue a program to reduce gender-based and sexual violence in rural Indian villages and has been awarded the prestigious Savitri bai Phule Achievement Award 2018. Professor Surekha Tayade is the Chairperson of the Clinical Research Committee of The Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecological Societies of India (FOGSI). She leads several clinical and translational types of research in the community at the national and global levels. A remarkable achievement is her collaboration on the Naari Swathya Janandolan Yatra of FOGSI, where she led the collation and analysis of data on women's health from 21 cities of India in 2023. She also led data collection, collation, and analysis on the Women's Cancer Prevention Program – Pratibandh of FOGSI in 2023. She is presently Leading the “Promoting Vaginal Birth and Reducing C Section Initiative” of FOGSI where the intervention is being carried out in 50 healthcare facilities across India. She convened the development of the Good Clinical Practice Guidelines (GCPR) on blood transfusion in OBGYN for FOGSI. Also, she coordinated the development of 24 more GCPRs on various topics for FOGSI. She has authored several books including *The Update in Management of Postpartum Hemorrhage*.

Deepali Upadhyaya



Deepali Upadhyaya, PhD, RM, CNM is an experienced professional in perinatal/child health and healthcare provider education, with extensive expertise across various global locations. Currently serving as an Associate Professor and Academic Director of Midwifery at Mount Royal University, Deepali maintains an active clinical practice as a Registered Midwife. She contributes significantly to numerous local, provincial, national, and international health educational committees and boards.

Hayfaa Wahabi



Dr Hayfaa Wahabi has completed her training as an obstetrician and gynaecologist in the United Kingdom and worked in different posts from 1990-2000. Then she worked in Saudi Arabia as an associate consultant and consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist from 2001-2009. During her posts in Saudi Arabia, she became increasingly interested in public health problems related to maternity and childbirth as well as in evidence-based health care and translational research. While still working in clinical posts, she and her colleagues joined the Cochrane Childbirth Group as authors to

conduct a systematic review on progestogen for treating threatened miscarriage, which was published in 2007 and updated three times – the latest 2018. In 2009 she joined The Research Chair of Evidence-Based Health Care and Knowledge Translation of King Saud University as an Assistant Professor. Since she joined the research chair, she co-authored and published high quality research which informed policy and contributed to guidance in maternity health in the middle east and globally. Since 2016, she has been a member of the WHO guidelines development groups for the management of labour and prevention of postpartum haemorrhage.

Andrew Weeks



Andrew Weeks is Professor of International Maternal Health Care at the University of Liverpool and Director of the Sanyu Research Unit. He was brought up in Kenya but had his undergraduate and postgraduate medical training around Yorkshire (Sheffield, Leeds, Scunthorpe and Rotherham). In 2001 he returned to East Africa for 2 years as visiting lecturer in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Makerere University in Uganda. In 2003 he joined the University of Liverpool as first clinical lecturer, then senior lecturer before being awarded a personal chair in 2011. He is also

honorary consultant obstetrician at Liverpool Women's Hospital, one of the UK's largest obstetric units.

Andrew Weeks' primary interest is in the translation of maternity care from high to low resource settings. He has a particular interest in misoprostol (he runs the www.misoprostol.org website), postpartum haemorrhage and the management of labour. He has an interest in developing medical technologies and has 3 patents pending for clinical devices. One, the PPH Butterfly, has been funded in 2 successive grants by the NIHR i4i fund for over £1 million. It was 2015 Innovation of the Year in the NIHR NW Coast Research and Innovations awards and finalist in the 2015 Plastics Industry Awards.

Andrew has over 250 publications to his name and runs clinical trials in the UK, Uganda and India, funded by the MRC, Wellcome Trust, DFID and NIHR.

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