



West Midlands SHA Maternity health professionals Training days

Birth, a Risky Business – for Whom?

Clinical Practice and Litigation Issues

Tuesday 20th November 2008

The G Tech Building – George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton

Morning Programme

8.30 Registration

9.00 Welcome – Chair – Professor Edward Shaxted (Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist - Northampton)

9.10 Introduction – Maternal/Fetal mortality/morbidity; Cost of Litigation. Professor James Walker (Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology St James Leeds. NPSA)

Session 1 – What Every Clinician Should Know

9.40 Consent issues, failure to warn of clinical risks and the consequences of using unlicensed drugs. (Dr. Margaret Bloom QC – Harwicke Building Chambers Lincolns Inn London)

10.40 Discussion/Q&A

11.0 **Tea/Coffee**

Session 2 – Is the Fetus Hypoxic?

11.20 Fetal monitoring – A Clinical perspective – Mr. Mark Waterstone (Consultant Obstetrician – SE England)

11.50 Hypoxic Ischaemic Brain Injury of the Infant at Term – Dr. Damien Armstrong (Consultant Paediatrician UHNS)

12.20 Cerebral Palsy/Legal viewpoint – Mr. Robin De Wilde QC

12.40 Discussion/Q&A

13.0 Lunch

Afternoon Programme

Session 3 – Standards of Expected Care

14.0 Injuries at Birth/Anatomy of a Claim – Ms. Sue Jarvis (Partner Blake Lapthorn)

14.20 Standards of expected care in the use of forceps and ventouse – Mr. Mark Waterstone –
Consultant Obstetrician)

14.40 Q & A

15.0 Tea/Coffee

15.30 Manoeuvres and forces involved in the management of shoulder dystocia and development of
Erbs Palsy

15.50 Consequences of failure to recognize/manage shoulder dystocia

16.10 How do we stop the Escalation of Claims? – Professor James Walker

16.20 Q & A

16.45 Closing remarks by the Chair