

RANZCOG Fetal Surveillance Education Program 2005 Annual Report Executive summary

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The principal objective of the Fetal Surveillance Education Program (FSEP) is to develop, implement and evaluate a comprehensive education program in fetal surveillance, with an ultimate aim of improving professional levels of understanding and confidence in the area of fetal surveillance, thereby reducing the risks of adverse perinatal outcomes.

The FSEP was developed in collaboration with Southern Health, The Mercy Hospital for Women, The Royal Women's Hospital, The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) and the Victorian branch of the Australian College of Midwives Incorporated (ACMI). RANZCOG acknowledges the significant support of the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority and the Department of Human Services Victoria in jointly funding this program. The FSEP is designed to be universally applicable but was piloted and rolled out in Victoria due the significant funding made available to RANZCOG in that state.

In line with these objectives the following outcomes were successfully achieved during 2005:

- Participation by 2064 medical and midwifery staff.
- Delivery of the education program to 60 Victorian hospitals.
- Delivery of the program to 12 interstate and international sites, including the RANZCOG New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Delivery to three of the six Victorian Universities offering undergraduate and post graduate courses in midwifery, with two more having arranged sessions for 2006.
- An average improvement from the pre education test to the post education test, across all professional groups, of 54%.
- Overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants as to the quality and value of the education program.
- Employment of additional educators to facilitate delivery of the education program nationally and internationally.

The following goals have been set to expand the FSEP's delivery of comprehensive CTG education during 2006:

- Development of a validated competency assessment tool.
- Construction of an online education facility.
- Exploration of additional delivery techniques including video conferencing capacity.
- Creation of additional fetal surveillance education modules.
- Co-development of a comprehensive fetal monitoring book.
- Design of a logo and visual identity for the FSEP.

The FSEP is committed to ongoing excellence in women's health and CTG education in 2006 and beyond. Our multidisciplinary and face-to-face education will extend to user-friendly and practical online and hard copy resource materials. Combined with our position as a non-profit resource of RANZCOG, the FSEP will remain one of the leading cost-effective CTG education providers throughout Australia and New Zealand.

