

Update on Obstetric Anaesthesia

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My presentation covers diverse current issues within obstetric anaesthesia.

- **Enhancing Recovery after Obstetric Surgery**

Well established for colorectal, gynaecological and urological surgery but can it be done after Caesarean Section?

- **Early Warning Scores in Obstetrics**

Recommendations of CMACH 2003-5; reiterated in CMACE 2006-8; NICE 2007

Currently no national MOEWS; a missed opportunity?

- **The Hypertensive Parturient**

A focus on Magnesium (not just for eclampsia/pre-eclampsia) and the dose of remifentanyl to attenuate the hypertensive response to laryngoscopy and intubation.

- **The Haemorrhaging Parturient**

Postpartum haemorrhage and fibrinogen.

- **The Parturient with Headache**

The role of intrathecal catheters after accidental dural puncture, and, more controversially, prophylactic versus therapeutic blood patch.

- **Finally a few vignettes:**

- Thiopentone -time to go?
- Tailoring the Tilt
- on Trial; Chlorhexidine; Remifentanyl for labour analgesia
- Technology: Echocardiography, Ultrasound scan and "the Reynolds Zone"

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