



Women's Global Health Symposium

Wednesday 5th June 2024

**9 AM The Stripe, University of Winchester (King Alfred Campus),
Sparkford Road, Winchester SO22 4NR**

A multidisciplinary study day based on the Prism series developed by the Wessex Global Health Network focusing on some of the many and varied factors affecting women's health across the globe and impacting the health behaviours of emigrant women accessing healthcare in the UK.

The day will include talks from experts in global women's health, clinical academics and those with an interest in women's global health within Wessex.

Objectives – Attendees will gain an understanding of:

- ⇒ Maternal and reproductive health
- ⇒ Gender bias, women's rights, inequality and the effect on maternal and neonatal health
- ⇒ The effect of culture and belief systems on women's health
- ⇒ The impact of poverty, education and other key themes affecting women's health in low- and middle-income countries
- ⇒ Factors and interventions affecting the mental health of women in developing countries
- ⇒ How the factors impacting global women's health might impact care-seeking and health behaviours amongst women who have emigrated to the UK

Intended audience: Health professionals with an interest in women's health including General Practice, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Midwifery and Women's Health Hub staff within the Wessex area.



SCHEDULE

Time	Topic and speaker
09.00 - 09.30	<i>Arrivals and coffee</i>
09.30 - 09.40	Welcome and introduction Dr Natasha Craig / Dr John Acres
09.40 - 10.25	Maternal Mortality Overview and The Particular Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of Adolescents Dr Sarah Neal, University of Southampton
10.25 – 10.50	HIV/AIDS: Patterns in sub-Saharan Africa and how to reduce the burden of disease Professor Nuala McGrath, University of Southampton
10.50 - 11.15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11.15 - 11.40	Access and Staff Attitudes: Experiences from Afghanistan Dr Rachel Arnold, Bournemouth University
11.40 - 12.05	Inequalities and low birth weight Dr Gaya Abeywickrama, University of Winchester
12.05 - 12.30	Women's health in complex humanitarian emergencies Dr Joy Clarke, Acute Medical SpR and Médecins Sans Frontières
12.30 - 13.20	<i>Lunch</i>
13.20 - 13.45	Factors affecting the mental health of women in low income countries and what to do where there are no services Professor Shanaya Rathod, Southern Health
13.45 - 14.10	Belief systems, cultures and their effects on women Professor Tamsin Bradley, University of Portsmouth
14.10 – 14.40	Group work
14.40 - 15.00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
15.00 - 15.40	Feedback and Panel Comments
15.40 - 16.00	How to get involved Laura Aspinall, Labour Ward Matron & Hampshire-Hoima Hospitals Trustee and Natasha Craig, ST7 O&G Poole Hospital
16.00	Summing Up and Finish