

ACNM 60th Annual Meeting & Exhibition –Sunday, June 28th – Education Sessions

ES100 Understanding the CPM credential

Sun, June 28

7:45am-8:45am

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Miscellaneous

Presented by: Ida Darragh, CPM, BA

Summary: This session will cover information about the Certified Professional Midwifery credential issued by the North American Registry of Midwives, including the routes to certification, the educational and testing process, and recent changes in the certification process. There will be a discussion of the legal status of CPMs and recent legislation for the licensure of CPMs. Models of cooperative relationships between CPMs, CNMs, and physicians will be identified. If midwifery is to grow and meet the challenges of providing a cohesive system of maternity care in the future, all midwives need a better understanding of our history, our common goals, and both our common and unique challenges.

ES101 Putting the team in teamwork: Lessons learned while designing normal birth and obstetric emergency simulations for interprofessional providers and trainees

Sun, June 28

7:45am-8:45am

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Education

Presented by: Jenna Shaw-Battista, PhD, NP, CNM; Cynthia Belew, MS, CNM; Ana Delgado, CNM, MSN

Summary: Are you interested in newly developing or revamping clinical simulations in your practice setting or teaching activities? What do you do once you have identified a clinical scenario and simulation participants? Clinical scenario-based simulation is emerging as an important tool for nurse-midwives to support initial competency attainment, continuing education and professional development. New data indicates team-based clinical simulation also holds promise to improve interprofessional communication and practice with a range of implications including patient safety and job satisfaction. If you are curious what the latest research tells us about designing meaningful simulations and fostering interprofessional collaboration through team-based learning, join midwives and educators who will share their experiences with simulation design and coordination for learners and skilled participants in a range of clinical and teaching settings in the US and internationally. This session will walk you through the essential considerations for clinical simulation planning and implementation to help you ensure that your sessions are effective regardless of access to technological enhancements or lack thereof. Topics will include simulation fidelity, the use of confederates and standardized patients, creating a supportive learning environment, preventing and managing unexpected developments, and incorporating interprofessional participants and learners at varied levels. Specific guidance about making and purchasing equipment for obstetric simulations will also be provided.

ES102 Secondary Traumatic Stress: Is There a Cost for Caring?

Sun, June 28

7:45am-8:45am

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Miscellaneous

Presented by: Cheryl Beck, CNM, DNSc, FAAN

Summary: Secondary traumatic stress is an occupational hazard for health care providers who care for traumatized patients. This stress results from helping or wanting to help traumatized or suffering patients. Secondary traumatic stress has symptoms that parallel PTSD but result from vicariously experiencing the traumatic event through contact

with those patients who are directly encountering the stressor. In this education session prevalence rates of secondary traumatic stress in nurses across various clinical specialties and also in other healthcare providers are compared. Symptoms of secondary traumatic stress are identified along with instruments available to screen clinicians for these symptoms. Results of 2 mixed methods studies of secondary traumatic stress in labor and delivery nurses and in certified nurse-midwives are presented. Powerful themes derived from these obstetrical care providers' experiences of attending traumatic births are shared. The education session will conclude with implications for practice. Effective educational interventions for secondary traumatic stress in nurses are described. Conti-O'Hare's theory of the nurse as wounded healer and Bloom and Farragher's restoring sanctuary: trauma informed systems of care are discussed.

ES103 Becoming a vaccinator: the ins and outs of ordering, administering and billing for vaccines

Sun, June28

7:45am-8:45am

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Clinical

Presented by: Carol Hayes, CNM, MN, MPH

Summary: This presentation will discuss the current CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice recommendations on adult vaccines. Discussion will include how to order vaccines, how to store vaccines, how to administer vaccines, and how to bill and code for vaccines. This presentation will not discuss the safety of vaccines.

ES104 Diabetes and Pregnancy Translating Research into Practice: Care of the Women with Diabetes in the Childbearing Year, A Multidisciplinary Approach

Sun, June28

7:45am-8:45am

CEUs: 0.1 Rx: 1

Track: Clinical

Presented by: Kathleen Dermady, DNP, MSN, CNM, NP

Summary: Diabetes profoundly affects pregnancy. Near normal glycemic control is key to optimizing outcomes. Preconceptual care with emphasis on glycemic control and intensified perinatal care throughout the antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum period is key to optimizing maternal and newborn outcomes. Some women experience challenges in achieving glycemic control despite frequent and intensified care, and may perceive self-care as complex, and overwhelming. Midwifery care in an interdisciplinary team approach benefits the maternal newborn dyad, the health care system and the maternal experience. This session will provide the learner with current evidence for practice.

ES105-ICM Format *(This new format clusters similar presentations together within the usual 60 minute time frame. The time will be divided between 2-3 presentations with a 10 minute Q&A period at the end. A moderator will be assigned to each cluster to help ensure that each presentation is afforded the appropriate time.)*

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CEUs: 0.1 Rx: 1

Track: Global Midwifery

Cultural Competency in the Care of Patients from Diverse Populations: Mexico and Central America

Presented by: Michelle Drew, DNP, MPH&TH, CNM, FNP-c

Summary: Increasingly nurse midwives serve populations from underserved communities including recent immigrants from Mexico and Central America or populations of long term residents from traditional Latino cultures. This session will provide information to help midwives improve their understanding of important cultural differences that we must appreciate and respect when caring for Latino women and families. Topics will include social courtesies, decision making, beliefs about food, natural and alternative treatments in primary and obstetric care, the role of the family in the

patient care setting, informed decision making and the role of the family in the care of individual clients. Common misconceptions and stereotypes will also be addressed.

Nurse-Midwifery Care to Women in Areas Affected by War

Presented by: Linda J Robinson, CNM

Summary: In areas of war and conflict, women suffer disproportionately to men. They are often used as weapons of war with rape and murder of their children. Many of these rapes result in injury and pregnancy and midwifery care for these women is essential. In many areas of conflict there are no trained personnel to care for women and their trauma is exacerbated. This session will describe the delivery of care to women thus affected, and give practical advice to those wishing to work in this type of setting. This will include discussion of various non-governmental organizations and which are best suited to one's skills and philosophy.

Providing Primary Health Care in Rural Nicaragua: Working with Agencies In-Country

Presented by: Catherine Salam, CNM, MS, FACNM; Verna Raynor, CNM, DNP

Summary: The Olive Tree is an all volunteer US based health services organization, established as a 501C3 in 2011. Coordinators organize an annual medical mission trip to rural Nicaragua, when we provide direct care services, health education, preventive dental care, medication and supplies donations. The nature of such medical mission trips is episodic, which leads to questions of effectiveness and sustainability. Therefore, this session will describe ways by which in country governmental and private sector partnerships can be established to promote ongoing services.

ES106 - ICM Format *(This new format clusters similar presentations together within the usual 60 minute time frame. The time will be divided between 2-3 presentations with a 10 minute Q&A period at the end. A moderator will be assigned to each cluster to help ensure that each presentation is afforded the appropriate time.)*

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Track: Clinical

Dipping our Toes: A midwifery-led Vaginal Breech Initiative at The George Washington University Hospital

Presented by: Whitney Pinger, CNM, MSN, FACNM; Kathryn Isabel Marko, MD, FACOG; Marsha Stalcup, CNM, MSN; Sierra J. Casillas, CNM, MSN; Laura Emmons, CNM, MSN; Eleanor Fisher, CNM, MSN; Michelle E. Claussen, RN, SNM

Summary: Clinical evidence, professional guidelines, and consumer demand have all combined to promote an increased awareness of, and interest in, vaginal breech delivery. Since November of 2012, the Faculty Midwives at The George Washington University Hospital have led a Vaginal Breech Initiative. Recognizing that vaginal breech birth is a variant of normal, the midwives have worked to become skilled providers of vaginal breech birth, to develop guidelines for vaginal breech birth, and to assure excellent informed consenting for the process of vaginal breech delivery. Working in collaboration with our physician colleagues, the midwives have a vaginal breech delivery rate of approximately 75%. While our numbers are small, the midwives and their patients are motivated to share the knowledge we have amassed thus far to promote the option for midwives to promote, teach, and deliver vaginal breech babies. This is one of the many ways that midwives can have an impact on lowering the cesarean section rate in America.

Becoming a VBAC Center for Excellence: Management of TOLAC By The George Washington University Midwifery Service

Presented by: Eleanor Fisher, CNM, MSN; Marsha Stalcup, CNM, MSN; Kimla McDonald, CNM, MSN; Alexandra Woolley, CNM, MS

Summary: With a national cesarean section rate of 34%, offering TOLAC and VBAC must be a priority for Certified Nurse Midwives. Midwives at the George Washington University "Practice by the Pearls": ACNM's evidence-based labor management guidelines. This strategy optimizes women's chances of normal spontaneous vaginal delivery, and improves outcomes for our women desiring TOLAC and VBAC. The process of a successful journey to VBAC begins with motivated patients, a shared understanding of the risks of VBAC and a conversation about what meets criteria for TOLAC. Come learn and participate in a discussion with us as we demonstrate how we have established a successful path to VBAC at GWUH as we become a CENTER FOR VBAC EXCELLENCE.

ES107 The Toll of Age, Genetics, Lifestyle Choices and Childbearing on the Pelvic Floor--Solutions to Common Problems

Sun, June 28

CEUs: 0.1 Rx: 1

Track: Clinical

9:15am-10:15am

Presented by: Katherine Beach, CNM, DNP

Summary: Childbearing, lifting heavy objects, and our genetic make-up conspire to put stress on the pelvic floor. These three factors affect the quality of life for many women as they age. It is estimated that 50% of women will experience some degree of pelvic organ prolapse in their lifetime. There are non-surgical as well as surgical treatments available for pelvic organ prolapse. This presentation will focus on non-surgical treatment in the form of pessaries. These medical-grade silicone devices can be fit by midwives and nurse practitioners in the gynecological office setting. Supported ring and Gellhorn pessaries, in particular, will be discussed. Attendees will learn how to perform a pelvic organ prolapse quantification exam (POPQ) and how to fit a pessary based on the findings of the POPQ exam. Clinical guidelines for treatment of complications as well as standard follow-up of patients who use pessaries will be discussed.

ES108 Mammary Magic: The art and science of human lactogenesis

Sun, June 28

CEUs: 0.1 Rx:1

Track: Education

9:15am - 10:15am

Presented by: Martha Churchill, CNM, MSN, IBCLC

Summary: Have you struggled with supporting breastfeeding women to establish a full milk supply? Why do so many women have issues with being able to produce enough breast milk for their babies? A detailed look at breast development and human lactogenesis with a focus on the generation of a full milk supply for breastfeeding women. We will look at the specifics that affect lactogenesis as well as what we can do to support this time sensitive process of making milk.

ES109 The Fellows' Talk: Our History - Moments in Time!

Sun, June 28

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Midwifery Matters-Business

9:15am-10:15am

Presented by: Jerri Hobdy, MS, EdM, CNM, FACNM; Helen Varney Burst, CNM, MSN, DHL (Hon) FACNM

Joyce E. Thompson, DrPH, RN, CNM, FAAN, FACNM

Summary: The purpose of this session is to have a panel of our Fellows who currently are writing the History of ACNM and who are Past Presidents of the ACNM who will bring stories of the College during different historical times over the past 60 years in Celebration of our 60th Anniversary. The panelist will speak about the significant twists and turns in the history of the ACNM and some of their own Personal Moments in Time. This session has been developed by the FACNM Mentoring Task Force in an effort to have a visible and active role in mentoring midwives.

ES110 Infusing Diversity into Clinical Teaching: Moving From Health Disparity to Health Equity

Sun, June 28

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Education

10:30am-11:30am

Presented by: Karline Wilson-Mitchell, CNM, MSN

Summary: This session is an introduction to principles and research findings surrounding the teaching of diversity, equity and inclusion principles in experiential learning settings. The ACNM Disparities Issues Brief identified the need to deliver evidence-informed education that addresses health disparities. This workshop would be helpful to faculty, midwifery preceptors and community partners who provide clinical placements for midwifery students. Service and corporate professionals, applied science professionals and researchers have begun to seek effective ways of teaching diversity and equity in the working environment. Universities are charged with preparing students who are able to work effectively across difference in a global community. Midwifery and nursing are not the only professions that require field experience, apprenticeships, internships or other experiential work opportunities. Consequently, there are innovative strategies that can be gleaned from the research which can be applied to clinical learning. An innovative learning exercise will be described which was used in the Ontario midwifery community. There will be an opportunity to review several scenarios that give examples of "working across difference" for both the clinical preceptor and the student. Issues of discrimination with respect to race, ethnicity, immigration status, insurance status, sexual orientation, religion, body size and appearance, ableism, ageism, audism, antifaith bias, socioeconomic class, and gender are some of the issue that will be addressed. This session will provide a safe space to discuss fears, concerns, bloopers and blunders that we all engage in during our life-long journey to achieve and maintain cultural sensitivity. The strategies and guidelines should allow the group participants to explore several ways of managing situations of ethical dilemma and discomfort during student clinical placements. The participants will be provided with on-line resources to continue their journey of learning as they seek to apply a diversity and equity lens to clinical learning.

ES111 Cervical cancer prevention in 2015: An update

Sun, June 28

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Clinical Rx: 1

10:30am-11:30am

Presented by: Jeanne Murphy, CNM, PhD

Summary: While cervical cancer incidence in the U.S. and developed world is low due to well-established screening programs, cervical cancer remains the second most common form of cancer among women in much of the developing world. The two main risk factors for cervical dysplasia and invasive cervical cancer are persistent high-risk HPV infection and lack of access to screening. The advent of HPV testing its eventual widespread adoption via clinical guidelines in the late 2000's has profoundly changed cervical cancer screening in the U.S. and developed countries, which had already experienced sharp and persistent declines in cervical cancer incidence and mortality in the last 50 years. Current U.S. recommendations include lengthening screening intervals for low-risk, HPV-negative women. Cervical cancer remains a major cause of cancer-related mortality among women in low-resource settings, where even intermittent screening as currently recommended is largely unavailable. HPV vaccines have been proven effective and safe in large-scale epidemiologic studies, but have poor uptake in the U.S. and are in practice unavailable for much of the world population at risk. In this educational session, attendees will review the state-of-the-science in cervical cancer prevention in the U.S. and worldwide.

ES112 Hypertension Guidelines

Sun, June 28

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Clinical

10:30am-11:30am

Presented by: Melissa Fries, MD

Summary: Description not available at time of publication.

ES113 – Table Talk Discussions (*This new format is envisioned to function in the following manner: moderators will select 2-3 important points from their abstract to present to attendees at their table; attendees will engage in a discussion regarding the pertinent points in their world of midwifery; moderators may elect to have the last 5 minutes*

of the 30 minute session as a wrap up time or Q&A; after 30 minutes, attendees will move to another topic and the process will be repeated.)

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Coercion or Cooperation? What women say about their providers and respectful maternity care

Presented by: Saraswathi Vedam, RM, FACNM, MSN, Sci D(hc); Lisa Kane Low, CNM, PhD

Modernizing Oral Histories: Midwifery Presence in New Media

Presented by: Stephanie Tillman, CNM, MSN; Robin Gray-Reed, CNM, ARNP, MSN, IBCLC; Lena Wood, SNM, MED

Birthing in an Electronic World: Self Preparing for Birthing using Electronic Media

Presented by: Susan Fleming, PhD, Perinatal CNS

A Winning Proposition: Establishing a Volunteer Doula Program within a Nurse-Midwifery Education Program

Presented by: Michelle Collins, PhD, CNM, FACNM; Elizabeth Munoz, MSN, CNM

Trial of Labor After 2 Previous Cesareans: Experiences of a larger Midwifery Practice

Presented by: Sharon Holley, CNM, DNP; Julia Phillippi, PhD, CNM, FACNM; Melissa Davis, CNM

PTSD in Pregnancy - Prevalence, Relevance, and a Caseworker Model of Support

Presented by: Jennifer Averill Moffitt, CNM; Linda Weinreb, MD; Melodie Wenz Gross, PhD; Carole Upshur, Ed.D

Discussing Circumcision from the an Evidence-Based and Child-Centric Perspective

Presented by: Ryan McAllister, PhD

Skin to Skin in the First Hour: The Implications of Labor Medications

Presented by: Kajsa Brimdyr, PhD, CLC; Karin Cadwell, PhD, FAAN, RN

Uninterrupted Skin-to-Skin Contact After Delivery: Immediate Effects on Mother and Newborn

Presented by: Emily Sloan, RN, BSN, DNP student nurse-midwife

Changing the culture: Improving nursing practice to support women who desire unmedicated labor and birth

Presented by: Penny Wortman, DNP, CNM

Midwifery Leadership: Making the Right Things Happen in Practice, Clinical Education and Policy

Presented by: Patricia Burkhardt, LM, DrPH, FACNM

Re-enfranchisement of Women: Taking Back Birth as the First Step

Presented by: Mairi Rothman, CNM, MSN; Ebony Roebuck, CNM

Rebirth of Civility in Academic and Clinical Settings

Presented by: Tonya Nicholson, DNP, CNM, WHNP-BC; Tanya Tanner, CNM, PhD, MBA

ACNM Document Update: Using ACNM Documents in Your Practice

Presented by: Tanya Tanner, CNM, PhD, MBA

THE POWER OF COLLABORATION: A SHARED LEADERSHIP MODEL FOR MIDWIFERY PRACTICE

Presented by: Ana Delgado, CNM, MSN

VBAC or Repeat Cesarean? Risk Communication, Shared Decision Making, and Decision Aids

Presented by: Kim Cox, PhD, CNM; Allison Shorten, PhD, RN, RM

Unconventional Gas and Oil Drilling (Fracking) and Health

Presented by: Katie Huffling, CNM; Lenore K. Resick, PhD, CRNP, FNP-BC, FAANP

ES114 Provider Non-Discrimination, Network Adequacy and the Affordable Care Act

Sun, June 28

10:30am-11:30am

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Midwifery Matters-Public Perception

Presented by: Myisha Gatson

Summary: During this session representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will discuss current status of the implementation of Section 2706 of the Public Health Services Act, which prohibits insurers from discriminating against providers. Further, they will go over requirements related to network adequacy for plans

participating in the health insurance marketplaces. They may also touch on requirements related to the essential health benefits package offered by these same plans, as well as many plans outside the marketplaces.

ES115 AMCB Midwifery Certificate Maintenance: What's a Midwife to do? What YOU must know!

Sun, June 28

11:45am-12:45pm

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Miscellaneous

Presented by: Linda Hunter, EdD, CNM, FACNM; Cara Krulewitch, CNM, PhD, FACNM; Tanya Bailey, CNM, MSN, FACNM

Summary: The mission of the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) is "To protect and serve the public by leading the certification standards in midwifery". This important responsibility has been accomplished through the creation and administration of the national midwifery certification exam as well as the creation and administration of a certificate maintenance program. In this ever-changing health care environment, it has become more and more crucial for certified midwives and other health care providers to ensure the public they have remained abreast of current practice guidelines and recommendations. Thus, certificate maintenance programs have been developed to validate ongoing professional competence through a variety of activities, such as life-long learning and continuing education hours. During this session, key leadership members of the AMCB Board of Directors will review these issues and provide a "behind the scenes" look at how the AMCB meets these important goals.

ES117 Pregnancy After Transitioning: The male gendered experience with fertility, pregnancy, and birth outcomes

Sun, June 28

11:45am-12:45pm

CEUs:

Track:

Presented by: Alexis Light, MD, MPH

Summary: Pregnancies among transgender men occur. Tailoring reproductive health services for this population is critical to improving their healthcare experiences. This presentation will provide an introduction to the male gendered experience with fertility, pregnancy, and birth outcomes. It will also draw from lessons learned in The Pregnancy After Transitioning Study, a pilot study which identified areas needing improvement in caring for transgender men who are pregnant or interested in becoming pregnant and informs the development of future outcome-oriented clinical research in this understudied area of growing importance.

ES118 State Legislative Update

Sun, June 28

11:45am-12:45pm

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Midwifery Matters – Public Perception

Presented by: Cara Kinzelman, PhD

Summary: This session will provide an overview of important state policy developments at the legislative and regulatory levels in the past year, including information on anticipated future developments and ACNM resources available to members working on policy issues. The latter half of the session will be an open discussion with opportunity for ACNM members to report on developments in their home states, share ideas and resources for policy work, and jointly strategize with national office staff on the most effective ways to advance our policy agenda.

ES119 Best Practice in Midwifery-led Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement

Sun, June 28

11:45am-12:45pm

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Leadership

Presented by: Diana Jolles, CNM, PhD(c); Ana Delgado, CNM, MS; Leslie Cragin, CNM, PhD

Summary: Participants will evaluate core processes of midwifery-led quality assurance (QA) and quality improvement (QI) programs. Panelists present existent QA/QI projects relating to normal physiologic birth, reduction of cesarean, management of breech presentation and post partum hemorrhage. Best practices relating to culture, data management, guidelines, debriefs, standardized reviews and simulation are explored.

ES120 DOR Research Forum I

Sun, June 28

5:30pm-6:30pm

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Miscellaneous

Presented in this forum:

1. Group Prenatal Care: Identifying Factors in Health Care Settings that Influence Implementation (Gina Novick, PhD, CNM; Julie Womack, CNM, APRN, PhD; Shayna Cunningham, PhD; Jessica Lewis, LMFT; Sharon Rising, MSN, CNM; Jonathan Tobin, PhD; Jeannette Ickovics, PhD)
2. Washington State Childbearing Women's Experiences of Planned Home Births: A Phenomenological Investigation (Susan Fleming, PhD, Perinatal CNS; Maria Healy, PhD RM, RGN RNT; Billie Severtsen, PhD, RN; Colleen Donovan-Batson, CNM)
3. Shaken Belief in the Birth Process: A Mixed Methods Study of Secondary Traumatic Stress in Certified Nurse-Midwives (Cheryl Beck, CNM, DNSc, FAAN; Jenna LoGiudice, CNM, MSN; Robert Gable, EdD)

ES121 Models of Collaborative Leadership: ACNM and ACOG in Action

Sun, June 28

5:30pm-6:30pm

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Leadership

Presented by: Ginger Breedlove, CNM, PhD; John C. Jennings, MD

Summary: This session will provide examples of 'Collaborative Leadership' between midwives and physicians at the national and local level. Highlights include key strategies to form and sustain meaningful collaborations. Examples of successful and challenging partnerships will be provided, including suggestions to advance team care for improved maternal child outcomes in the education and practice settings.

ES122 The Unmet Need for Family Planning – What Midwives Can Do To Help

Sun, June 28

5:30pm-6:30pm

CEUs: 0.1 Rx: 1

Track: Global Midwifery

Presented by: Carolyn Curtis, RN, CNM, MSN, FACNM; Roy Jacobstein, MD; Scott Radloff, PhD

Summary: Access to modern contraception is widely accepted as a key health intervention and human right. Reducing unmet need for family planning (FP) is critical for reducing maternal morbidity and mortality, improving family and community well-being, and accelerating national development. This interactive plenary panel session by IntraHealth International, the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute of Johns Hopkins University, and the United States Agency for International Development presents an overview of contraceptive use and unmet need for FP worldwide; innovative programming approaches for meeting FP needs; and the crucial role that ICM, ACNM and midwives are playing in addressing unmet need in countries.

ES123 National Health Service Corps and NURSE Corps Programs

Sun, June 28

5:30pm-6:30pm

CEUs: Non-CE

Track: Education

Presented by: CAPT Jeanean Willis-Marsh, DPM

Summary: The purpose of the presentation is to share an overview of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and NURSE Corps programs with the participants of the Annual ACNM conference. The presentation will provide a history of the programs along with a general overview. Opportunities for Certified Nurse Midwives to join the programs and an explanation of application cycles and funding levels will also be addressed. Time for questions and answers will be provided.

ES124 The Ebola Epidemic in West Africa: Midwives' Experiences in the Field

Sun, June 28

5:30pm-6:30pm

CEUs: 0.1

Track: Global Midwifery

Presented by: Michelle Dynes, CNM, MSN, MPH; Kristin VanderEnde, PhD, CNM, RN

Summary: The presentation will provide an overview and update on the Ebola Epidemic in West Africa. Midwives will also share experiences working on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Ebola response teams in Liberia and Sierra Leone during the height of the epidemic. Specifically, the strengths and challenges of community based infection prevention and control (IPC) and health promotion activities will be described, including the influence of the epidemic on reproductive health services. Finally, presenters will discuss the unique contributions of midwives in complex humanitarian emergencies, such as Ebola.