



Call for Experts in Ultrasound

ACNM is working on a project with the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) to provide information and training on ultrasound. This education on ultrasound will enable midwives to incorporate additional skills into their clinical practice.

Eileen Beard, ACNM Senior Practice Advisor; Tina Johnson, ACNM Director of Professional Practice & Health Policy; Anne Hyre, ACNM Director of Global Outreach; and Carolyn Geger, Nurse-Midwifery Program Director for Georgetown University; are working with AIUM to develop a series of formal ultrasound courses for midwives that will contain specific training and didactic protocols, evaluation tools and eventually accreditation guidelines for first, second and third trimester scans, and some basic gynecologic scans.

In addition, AIUM, in collaboration with Carolyn Geger and other midwifery experts on ultrasound, will present two workshops on ultrasound at our annual meeting in June 2010. The format will be two day-long workshops (one at the beginning of the meeting, and the other at the end). Each workshop will consist of two half-days of content, covering first trimester in the morning and third trimester in the afternoon. These workshops will not replace taking a hands-on ultrasound course, but will provide an overview of key issues related to ultrasound in the first and third trimesters and will include the latest didactic content, images and a great deal of practical information

We would like to have involvement from our members as we move forward with this project. If you are a midwife who has had formal training in ultrasound and would like to work on this project, please contact the Department of Professional Practice & Health Policy, at (240) 485-1844 or pphp@acnm.org.