

# Diabetes in pregnancy

17 May 2006



CEMACH conference

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## **Background**

Diabetes is a major health problem affecting the health and wellbeing of a growing number of women of childbearing age. It results in significant complications during pregnancy - with women with diabetes at an increased risk of losing a baby, or having a baby with a congenital malformation. They also risk losing a baby through death in the first year of life.

## **Aim**

This conference is organised by the Northern Ireland regional office of CEMACH (the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health). The aim of the event is to present the main findings of the CEMACH diabetes cohort report published in October 2005\* and to discuss how to improve the clinical care and service provision to women with diabetes in Northern Ireland.

## **Format**

Several key speakers will address the issues, and delegates will have an opportunity to discuss the main themes.

## **Target audience**

The event is aimed at health professionals who care for pregnant women with diabetes, and those involved in planning services. It will be of interest to diabetologists, diabetes specialist nurses, midwives, obstetricians, neonatal nurses, neonatologists, primary care health professionals, and public health doctors. The meeting is approved for Continuing Professional Development.

\* Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health: Pregnancy in women with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in 2002-03, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. London: CEMACH, 2005.

## **Programme**

Chairperson: Dr Catherine Ritchie, Consultant Physician, Craigavon Area Hospital

- 9.30am           **Registration, tea/coffee**
- 10.00am           **Welcome and introduction**  
Dr Brian Gaffney, Chief Executive, Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland
- 10.05am           **An overview of the CEMACH diabetes project**  
Mr Richard Congdon, Chief Executive, CEMACH
- 10.20am           **Pregnancy in women with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in 2002-2003**  
Ms Alison Millar, Programme Director, CEMACH  
Ms Kate Fleming, Senior Data Analyst, CEMACH
- 10.50am           **Key messages for care of the mother: the role of maternity professionals**  
Mr Steve Walkinshaw, Chair, CEMACH Diabetes Professional Advisory Group, and Consultant Obstetrician, Liverpool Women's Hospital
- 11.20am           **Tea/coffee**
- 11.45am           **Care of the baby born to a diabetic mother**  
Dr Sanjeev Bali, Consultant Neonatologist, Antrim Area Hospital

- 12.15pm **Care of the diabetes: a diabetes team perspective**  
Dr Gillian Hawthorne, Diabetes Physician,  
Newcastle Diabetes Centre, Newcastle
- 12.45pm **Panel questions and discussion**
- 1.00pm **Lunch**
- 2.00pm **The CEMACH diabetes report – a Northern Ireland perspective**  
Dr David McCance, Consultant Physician,  
Regional Centre for Endocrinology and Diabetes,  
Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast
- 2.30pm **Group workshops: translating findings into practice**
- 3.20pm **Tea/coffee**
- 3.30pm **Feedback from groups**
- 4.00pm **Close**

### **Booking information**

Booking forms are also available to download or submit online at:  
[www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk](http://www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk)

**Date**

Wednesday 17 May 2006

**Time**

9.30am - 4.00pm

**Venue**

Dunadry Hotel and Country Club, Co Antrim

**Cost**

£50 per person

**Closing date for applications**

2 May 2006

