

MMH/GP Shared Care Alignment program gathers momentum

More than 120 Brisbane General Practitioners are now participating in the Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Shared Care Alignment Program.

The program began in late 2008 and is a joint initiative of the Mater Mothers Hospital (MMH), the South East Alliance of General Practice (Brisbane) and the Brisbane South Division.

The program supports the increasing complexity of antenatal care provision and the need to proactively manage current risks to both women and doctors in the shared care model. It aims to strengthen the link between hospital and GP and deliver the best in obstetric care to public women.

During a successful first year of operation the Alignment Program has delivered its integral Category 1 (40 CPD point) Alignment Seminar to 127 local GPs. As from **March 2011** GPs wishing to share antenatal care of women with MMH will have to be 'aligned'.

Director of Mater/UQ Centre for Primary Health Care Innovation, Caroline Nicholson said feedback from GPs who have completed the seminar has been positive.

"GPs are recognising this CPD as 'the best they have done'," Ms Nicholson said.

"A GP facilitates the seminar and participants have noted this as a great strength of the program as it provides a focus on clinical management in the general practice setting. The other key benefit has been access to specialists and multidisciplinary team members involved in antenatal care of women," she said.

More: For more information on the Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Shared Care Alignment Program contact the GP Liaison Midwife on GPLiaisonMidwife@mater.org.au or 0466 205 710.

<i>Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care Alignment Program RACGP Category 1(40 points) Alignment Seminar dates for 2010</i>	
Feb-10	Tuesday 23 February 2010 – Shared Care Part 1. Tuesday 2 March 2010 – Shared Care Part 2.
May-10	Saturday 29 May 2010 - Maternity Shared Care Alignment Day in conjunction with the 'Women's Health Conference', Hyatt Coolum
Aug-10	Tuesday 24 August 2010 – Shared Care Part 1. Tuesday 31 August 2010 – Shared Care Part 2.
Nov-10	Saturday 6 November 2010 – Shared Care Part 1 and 2.

Register now: To register for any of these events please contact Sara Fingleton on 07 3163 1036 or email sara.fingleton@mater.org.au