



ISA 2024

Colombo, Sri Lanka

19th Annual Conference of the International Stillbirth Alliance
Leaving no country behind: Moving beyond awareness to action to save babies

3 – 6 November 2024
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Tentative Program

Day 0 – 3 November 2024

Improving Perinatal Mortality Review & Outcomes Via Education (IMPROVE)

10am – 3pm; Limited spaces

Venue: UCFM Tower, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo

The death of a baby is a devastating event for both the families and the professionals looking after them. In order to try to answer the questions raised by such deaths, a structured approach is required. IMPROVE workshops are designed to address the educational needs of health professionals involved in maternity and newborn care in managing perinatal death based on the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand's Perinatal Mortality Guideline.

Objectives

The overarching aim of the workshop is to facilitate implementation of the Australia and New Zealand Clinical Practice Guideline for Care Around Stillbirth and Neonatal Death, developed by PSANZ and the Stillbirth CRE. At the completion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the basic epidemiology of perinatal mortality and stillbirth
2. Understand the scope and purpose of the PSANZ and the Stillbirth CRE Guidelines
3. Know the definitions of perinatal mortality applied in your state
4. Understand the rationale for the IMPROVE Program

Who should attend?

Obstetricians, midwives, neonatal nurses, neonatologists, social workers, psychologists, counselors, and anyone involved in maternity care. If you are interested from a policy or public health perspective, you are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

Workshop format and materials

The workshop utilises the SCORPIO educational model designed for skills training. This involves small groups of learners rotating around six interactive learning stations that are each facilitated by an experienced educator. Learning stations are:

- **Station One:** Communicating with parents about perinatal autopsy
- **Station Two:** Autopsy and placental examination
- **Station Three:** Investigations of Stillbirth
- **Station Four:** Examination of babies who die in the perinatal period
- **Station Five:** Perinatal mortality and audit classification
- **Station Six:** Respectful and culturally responsive care

6.00 pm – Conference Inaugural Ceremony

Venue: Hotel Hilton, Colombo

Day 1 – 4 November 2024

Time	Event/Talk
08.45 - 09.00	Welcome address ISA and Local partner
09.05 – 10.30	OPENING PLENARY SESSION
	Addressing 1.9 million Stillbirths – What will it take? <i>Dr. Gagan Gupta, Senior Adviser and Lead for the Maternal and Newborn Health, UNICEF, New York, USA</i>
	Programmatic approaches in reduction of stillbirths <i>Dr. Anoma Jayathilake, Director, Family Health Gender and Life Course, World Health Organization (WHO) - Regional Office for South-East Asia, India</i>
	Economics of stillbirth <i>Dr. Micki Chopra, Lead Health Specialist Health nutrition and Population Global practice, World Bank</i>
	Parent voice from Sri Lanka <i>Dr. Vinaya Ariyaratne, Consultant Community Physician, Sarvodaya Movement, Sri Lanka</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Refreshments / Poster Walk
11.05 - 12.05	Parallel Symposia
	Symposia – 1: Birth defects and stillbirths <i>Supported by the Expert Committee on Birth Defects of Sri Lanka Medical Association</i>
	Burden of birth defects and stillbirths <i>Dr. Hannah Blencowe, Maternal Adolescent Reproductive & Child Health (MARCH) Centre, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK</i>
	Genetic diseases & birth defects <i>Prof. Vajira Dissanayake, Department of Anatomy, Genetics & Biomedical Informatics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>
	Role of Fetal Medicine in Birth defects and Stillbirths <i>Dr. Achintha Dissanayake, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka</i>
	Symposia – 2: Stillbirths in the SEARO region <i>Supported by WHO SEARO</i>
	Expanding horizons in the reduction of stillbirths in the region and beyond <i>Dr. Anoma Jayathilake, Director - Family Health Gender and Life Course (FGL), World Health Organization (WHO) - Regional Office for South-East Asia, India</i>
	Contributions from professionals <i>Dr. Fedrosi Begum (SAFOG) - TBD</i>
	Sri Lanka's success story <i>Dr. Chithramalee de Silva, Director of Maternal and child health, Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka</i>

Time	Event/Talk
	<p>Symposia – 3: Sick Newborns & Early Neonatal Deaths <i>Supported by UNICEF CO Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Speaker 1 - A global perspective of Sick Newborns & Early Neonatal Deaths (from UNICEF HQ) Speaker 2 - Regional Country with best practices Speaker 3 - Country successes and challenges in managing sick newborns - Dr. Kapilani Jayasekara, Consultant Paediatrician, Teaching Hospital Karapitiya, Sri Lanka</p>
12.10 - 13.10	Oral presentation session 1
	Oral presentation session 2
	Oral presentation session 3
13.15 - 14.30	LUNCH ISA Working group meeting
14.30 - 15.30	Oral presentation session 4
	Oral presentation session 5
	Oral presentation session 6
15.30 – 16.00	Refreshments / Poster Walk
16.05 – 17.30	<p>PLENARY SESSION – 2 - Antenatal Care <i>Supported by WHO SEARO</i></p> <p>Reducing stillbirths through evidence-based antenatal care <i>Dr. Manjula Dassanayake, WHO Country Office, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Coverage of quality antenatal care at every visit <i>Prof. Rakhi Dandona, Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi, India & University of Washington, Seattle, USA</i></p> <p>Quality antenatal care for stillbirth prevention - Sri Lanka's experience <i>Dr. Mangala Dissanayake, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists</i></p>

Day 2 – 5 November 2024

Time	Event/Talk
08.30 – 08.40	Recap of Day 1
08.45 - 10.15	PLENARY SESSION – 3 - Intrapartum Care <i>Supported by Gates Foundation</i>
	Intrapartum Care for preventing stillbirths and better neonatal outcomes <i>Prof. Hemantha Senanayake, Senior Professor, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i> Title TBD <i>Adrienne Gordon, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia</i> WHO knowledge translation compendium for respectful maternal and newborn care <i>Hedieh Mehrdash, Technical Officer, Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, including HRP Special Programme, World Health Organization, Geneva</i>
10.15 – 10.45	Refreshments / Poster Walk
10.50 – 12.00	Parallel Symposia
	Symposia – 4: Early Pregnancy Losses <i>This will be done by AOFOG</i>
	Symposia – 5: Maternal mental health Perinatal mental health, the impact on the baby and infant mental health <i>Dr. Trudi Seneviratne, Consultant Adult & Perinatal Psychiatrist Associate Clinical Director, Psychological Medicine and Integrated Care Clinical Academic Group, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, UK; Chair Perinatal Faculty, Royal College of Psychiatrists</i> Maternal Mental Health – a regional perspective <i>Ms. Catherine Breen Kamkong, Regional Adviser - SRHR, UNFPA Asia Pacific Region</i> Addressing the perinatal mental health issues in local settings <i>Dr. Mohamed Rishard Senior Lecturer, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>
	Symposia – 6: Improving relational care following stillbirth Title TBD <i>Professor Dame Tina Lavender, Professor of Maternal and Newborn Health, Centre for Childbirth, Women’s and Newborn Health (CWNH), Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine</i> Title TBD <i>Livuka Nsemwa, Lecturer and PhD student, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, Mwanza, Tanzania</i> Title TBD <i>Dr Tracey Mills, Reader in Global Maternal Health, Centre for Childbirth, Women’s and Newborn Health (CWNH), Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine</i>

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	Title TBD <i>Milcah Mwamadi, Mother and Community Engagement and Involvement Lead, Malawi</i>
12.05 - 13.00	Oral presentation session 7
	Oral presentation session 8
	Oral presentation session 9
13.0 - 14.00	LUNCH Bereavement training session (Prof. Francine deMontigny, Université du Québec en Outaouais and ISA)
14.05 – 15.30	Parent round table moderated by Theresa Shaver, USAID
15.30 – 16.00	Refreshments / Poster Walk
16.30 – 18.00	Memorial service
19.00	Gala Dinner

Day 3 – 6 November 2024

Time	Event/Talk
08.30 – 08.40	Recap of Day 2
08.45 - 10.15	PLENARY SESSION – 5 – Bereavement care & Perinatal autopsy <i>Supported by UNFPA</i>
	Title TBD <i>Ms. Catherine Breen Kamkong, Regional Adviser - SRHR, UNFPA Asia Pacific Region</i>
	Developing a Bereavement care package in resource-poor settings <i>Dr Probohdhana Ranaweera, Senior Lecturer, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>
	Perinatal autopsy <i>Dr. Priyani Amaratunga, Senior Lecturer, Consultant Pathologist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>
10.15 - 11.00	Refreshments / Poster Walk
11.05 – 13.0	Oral presentation session 10
	Oral presentation session 11
	Oral presentation session 12
13.00 - 14.00	LUNCH ISA communication strategy session
14.05 – 15.15	Parallel Symposia
	Symposia – 7: UNICEF TBD
	Symposia – 8: Artificial Intelligence in stillbirth prevention <i>Supported by AI Sarosh & University of Birmingham</i> Global Best practices in using AI in Maternal & Child Health <i>Prof. Krish Nirantharakumar, University of Birmingham, University Hospitals Birmingham Foundation Trust, Health Security Agency, Health Data Research UK, Alan Turing Institute, UK</i> AI Initiatives in the South Asia Region <i>Dr. M. Imran Khan, Director Strategies & Partnership, PHC Global, Karachi, Pakistan</i> AI-powered birth cohort study in Sri Lanka <i>Prof. Pandula Siribaddana, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>
	Symposia – 9: Perinatal death surveillance <i>Supported by WHO – TAG on MPDSR</i> Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) Global Report: what to learn from global experiences <i>Ms. Francesca Palestra, Technical Officer, Lead - MPDSR Technical Working Group, Maternal Health Unit, WHO</i> Best practice PDSR models in the region – <i>Malaysia – TBD</i> Moving into Response part of PDSR <i>Dr. Kapila Jayaratne, Former National Program Manager – Child Morbidity & Mortality, Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka</i>
15.30 – 17.30	Closing Ceremony – <i>With the participation of parents and community leaders</i>