



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

3rd – 6th November 2024
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Program

Day 0 – 3rd 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

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6.00 pm – Conference Inaugural Ceremony

Venue: Hotel Hilton, Colombo

- 6.00pm - Guests take their seats
- 6.20pm - Arrival of the Chief Guest
- 6.30pm - Ceremonial Procession
- 6.40pm - National Anthem
- 6.45pm - Lighting of the traditional oil lamp
- 6.50pm - Welcome address
 - Dr. Kapila Jayaratne (Conference Chair / President CCPSL)*
- 6.55pm - Opening Remarks
 - Dr. Paula Quigley (Conference Co-Chair / President ISA)*
 - Dr. Mangala Dissanayake (President SLCOG)*
 - Prof. Vajira Dissanayake (Dean UCFM)*
- 7.10pm - Introductory Remarks
 - Dr. Neena Raina (Former FGL WHO SEARO)*
 - Mr. Christian Skoog (UNICEF Sri Lanka)*
 - Mr. Kunle Adeniyi (UNFPA Sri Lanka)*
- 7.25pm - Address by the Guest of Honour
- 7.35pm - Address by the Chief Guest
- 7.45pm - Citation of the Keynote Speaker
 - Prof. Rakhi Dandona (Scientific Co-Chair / Vice Chair ISA)*
- 7.50pm - Keynote Speech: *The success story of Japan in reducing stillbirths and newborn deaths*
 - Prof. Katsufumi Otsuki, Vice Director, Showa University Koto Toyosu, Hospital Chief and Professor of Perinatal Center, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Showa University Koto Toyosu Hospital, Japan*
- 8.20pm - Vote of thanks
 - Dr. Ruwan Ferdinando (Scientific Co-Chair / Secretary CCPSL)*
- 8.25pm - Entertainment
- 8.40pm - Welcome Reception

Day 1 – 4th November 2024

Time	Event/Talk
08.45 - 09.00	Welcome address ISA and Local partner
09.05 – 10.30	OPENING PLENARY SESSION
	<p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>Economics of stillbirth <i>Dr. Mickey Chopra, Lead Health Specialist Health nutrition and Population Global practice, World Bank</i></p> <p>Community Voice from Sri Lanka <i>Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne, Consultant Community Physician, Sarvodaya Movement, Sri Lanka</i></p>
10.30 – 11.00	Refreshments / Poster Walk
11.05 - 12.05	Parallel Symposia
	<p>Symposia – 1: Birth defects and stillbirths <i>Supported by the Expert Committee on Birth Defects of Sri Lanka Medical Association</i></p> <p>Burden of birth defects and stillbirths <i>Dr. Hannah Blencowe, Maternal Adolescent Reproductive & Child Health Centre, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK</i></p> <p>Genetic diseases & birth defects <i>Prof. Vajira Dissanayake, Department of Anatomy, Genetics & Biomedical Informatics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>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></p>
	<p>Symposia – 2: Stillbirths in the SEARO region <i>Supported by WHO SEARO</i></p> <p>Expanding horizons in the reduction of stillbirths in the region and beyond <i>Dr. Anoma Jayathilake, Director - Family Health Gender and Life Course, World Health Organization - Regional Office for South-East Asia, India</i></p> <p>Contributions from professional organizations in reducing stillbirths in Bangladesh <i>Dr. Fedrosi Begum, Professor & Head of the Dept. Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Institute of Woman and Child Health Dhaka; & Prof. Ibrahim Medical College, Dhaka, Bangladesh</i></p> <p>Sri Lanka's success story in reducing Stillbirths <i>Dr. Chithramalee de Silva, Director of Maternal and child health, Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka</i></p>

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	<p>Symposia – 3: Early Pregnancy Losses <i>Organized by Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology</i></p> <p>Global best practices of Early Pregnancy Losses and situation and challenges in the region <i>Dr U.D.P. Ratnasiri, Advisor MFM Committee, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Therapeutic approach for early pregnancy loss <i>Dr. Charmila Ayyavoo, Vice President Elect, Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India</i></p> <p>Genetic causes of miscarriage - beyond the chromosome <i>Dr Karen Lim, Singapore</i></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 Danansuriya, 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 – 5th November 2024

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08.45 - 10.00	<p>PLENARY SESSION – 3 - Intrapartum Care <i>Supported by the Gates Foundation, India Office, New Delhi</i></p> <p>Intrapartum care for preventing stillbirths <i>Dr. Mohamed Rishard</i> <i>Senior Lecturer, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Intrapartum care for better neonatal outcomes <i>Prof. Adrienne Gordon, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia</i></p> <p>WHO knowledge translation compendium for respectful maternal and newborn care <i>Hedieh Mehrtash, Technical Officer, Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, including HRP Special Programme, World Health Organization, Geneva</i></p>
10.00 – 10.30	Refreshments / Poster Walk
10.35 – 11.45	<p>Parallel Symposia</p> <p>Symposia – 4: Sick Newborns & Early Neonatal Deaths <i>Supported by UNICEF Country Office, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>A global perspective of Sick Newborns & Early Neonatal Deaths <i>Dr. Gagan Gupta, Senior Adviser and Lead for the Maternal and Newborn Health, UNICEF, New York, USA</i></p> <p>Implementing best practices in pakistan <i>Dr. Samia Rizwan, Health Specialist, Maternal Newborn and Child Health, UNICEF Islamabad</i></p> <p>Country successes and challenges in managing sick newborns <i>Dr. Kapilani Withanaarachchi, Consultant Paediatrician, Teaching Hospital Karapitiya, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Symposia – 5: Maternal mental health <i>Supported by United Nations Population Fund</i></p> <p>Maternal Mental Health – a regional perspective <i>Ms. Erin Cecilia Ryan, Senior Midwife Consultant, United Nations Population Fund</i></p> <p>Unseen Struggles: Addressing Women’s Mental Health Needs—Insights from the What Women Want Campaign <i>Dr. Aparajita Gogoi, Executive Director, Centre for Catalyzing Change, and Co-Chair, WRA Global, New Delhi, India</i></p> <p>Addressing the perinatal mental health issues in local settings <i>Dr. Chathuri Suraweera, Head, Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine Colombo, Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist, National Hospital of Sri Lanka</i></p>

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	<p>Symposia – 6: Improving relational care following stillbirth</p> <p>Introduction to Stillbirth and Neonatal Death programme <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></p> <p>Development and evaluation of a respectful maternal and newborn care bundle in Malawi and Tanzania <i>Livuka Nsemwa, Lecturer and PhD student, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, Mwanza, Tanzania</i></p> <p>Development and evaluation of a bereavement care package in India, Pakistan, Uganda and Kenya <i>Dr Tracey Mills, Reader in Global Maternal Health, Centre for Childbirth, Women’s and Newborn Health (CWNH), Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine</i></p> <p>The importance of community engagement and involvement in stillbirth research <i>Milcah Mwamadi, Mother and Community Engagement and Involvement Lead, Malawi</i></p>
11.50 - 13.00	Oral presentation session 7
	Oral presentation session 8
	Oral presentation session 9
13.00 - 14.00	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Bereavement training session (Prof. Francine deMontigny, Université du Québec en Outaouais and ISA)</p>
14.05 – 15.30	<p>PLENARY SESSION – 4</p> <p>Parent round table moderated by Theresa Shaver, USAID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Nur Yanayirah, Chairwoman, MotherHope Indonesia</i> • <i>Ms. Felicia Tan, Founder, Angel Hearts, Singapore</i> • <i>Ms. Yannie Yong, Director of Advocacy and Grief Program, Angel Hearts, Singapore</i> • <i>Ms. Nonkululeko Shibula, Founder, Umzanyana Birth Services, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa</i> • <i>Ms. Stacey Fletcher, Parent representative and Clinical trainer, Utah Pregnancy After Loss Program, University of Utah, USA</i> • <i>Dr. Tamkin Khan, Founder Secretary, Stillbirth Society of India</i>
15.30 – 16.00	Refreshments / Poster Walk
16.30 – 18.00	Memorial service
19.00	Gala Dinner

Day 3 – 6th November 2024

Time	Event/Talk
08.45 - 10.15	<p>PLENARY SESSION – 5 – Bereavement care & Perinatal autopsy <i>Supported by UNFPA</i></p> <p>Bereavement care – a global and regional perspective <i>Ms. Erin Cecilia Ryan, Senior Midwife Consultant United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</i></p> <p>Developing a Bereavement care package in resource-poor settings <i>Dr Proboadhana Ranaweera, Senior Lecturer, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Perinatal autopsy <i>Dr. Priyani Amaratunga, Senior Lecturer, Consultant Pathologist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i></p>
10.15 - 10.45	Refreshments / Poster Walk
10.50 – 12.00	<p>Parallel Symposia</p> <p>Symposia – 7: Ending the Silence on Stillbirths in South Asia – Challenges and opportunities <i>Supported by UNICEF</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Gagan Gupta, Senior Advisor MNCH – UNICEF Health PD MNCAH</i> • <i>Lucia Hug, Statistics Specialist, Data and Analytics Section, Division of Data, Analytics, Planning and Monitoring, UNICEF HQ</i> • <i>Dr Chandani Anoma Jayathilaka, Actg. Director, Department of UHC/ Family Health (FGL) and Medical Officer/MRH, World Health Organization, SE/RGO/FGL (To be confirmed)</i> • <i>Dr. Paula Quigley, Chairperson, ISA, Technical Lead, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition at DAI Global Health</i> • <i>Prof. Rakhi Dandona, Professor of Public Health and Health Metrics Sciences – Public Health Foundation of India</i> • <i>Dr. Asheber Gaym, Health Specialist, UNICEF ROSA – Regional Program Perspectives</i> • <i>Dr. Samia Rizwan, Health Specialist, UNICEF Pakistan – Country Program Perspectives</i> • <i>Representatives of the Ministry of Health from South Asian countries – (To be confirmed)</i> <p>Symposia – 8: Artificial Intelligence in stillbirth prevention <i>Supported by AI Sarosh & University of Birmingham</i></p> <p>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></p> <p>AI Initiatives in the South Asia Region <i>Dr. M. Imran Khan, Director Strategies & Partnership, PHC Global, Karachi, Pakistan</i></p> <p>AI-powered birth cohort study in Sri Lanka <i>Prof. Pandula Siribaddana, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i></p>

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	<p>Symposia – 9: Counting and Reviewing Perinatal deaths <i>Supported by WHO – TAG on MPDSR</i></p> <p>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></p> <p>Best practice PDSR models in the region <i>Dr Saroja Karki Pande</i> <i>President, Nepal Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists</i></p> <p>Counting Stillbirths & Neonatal Deaths – Sri Lanka’s success <i>Dr. Kapila Jayaratne, Former National Program Manager, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka</i></p>
12.05 – 13.20	Oral presentation session 10
	Oral presentation session 11
	Oral presentation session 12
13.20 - 14.10	LUNCH
14.15 – 15.15	Oral presentation session 13
	Oral presentation session 14
	Oral presentation session 15
	Oral presentation session 16
15.15 – 15.30	Parallel Refreshments
15.30 – 17.00	<p>Closing Ceremony <i>– With the participation of parents and community leaders</i></p> <p>End of the Conference</p>