



# Turning the Tide - Conference Program

## Wednesday, May 11, 2011

### Day 1 - The Experience of Giving Birth

- 7:30** Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 8:30** Welcome, Introductions/Charge to Panel  
*PSBC, BCWH, CMNH, MOH*
- 9:15** 100 Years of Giving Birth - Learning from the Past  
*Neal Devitt, family physician*
- 10:00** What do Women Believe Normal Birth is?  
*Eugene Declercq, epidemiologist*
- 10:45** Active Engagement with Participants
- 11:00** Break
- 11:15** Navigating Choices in Childbirth  
*Asheya Hennessey, consumer*
- 12:00** Active Engagement with Participants
- 12:15** Lunch (provided)
- 13:15** What Can Hospitals Learn from Home Birth?  
*Saraswathi Vedam, midwife*
- 14:00** Vaginal Birth: What's in it for the Baby?  
*Mark Sloan, pediatrician*
- 14:45** Active Engagement with Participants
- 15:00** Break
- 15:15** Social Media and Birth  
*Amy Romano, midwife*
- 16:00** Active Engagement with Participants
- 16:30** Adjournment

## Thursday, May 12, 2011

### Day 2 - Balancing Interventions for Best Outcomes

- 7:30** Continental Breakfast
- 9:00** What is the Optimal Use of Continuous EFM?  
*Ann Sprague, nurse*
- 9:30** What is the Optimal Use of Induction of Labour?  
*Barra O'Briain, family physician*
- 10:00** Active Engagement with Participants
- 10:15** Break
- 10:30** What is the Optimal Use of Epidural During Labour?  
*Giselle Villar, anesthesiologist*
- 11:00** Recommending and Supporting VBAC  
*Dale Steele, obstetrician*
- 11:30** Active Engagement with Participants
- 11:45** Lunch (provided)
- 12:45** Trials of the Term Breech  
*Dena Bloomenthal, obstetrician*
- 13:15** Informed Consent: When Autonomy and Beneficence Collide  
*Andrew Kotaska, obstetrician*
- 14:00** Active Engagement with Participants
- 14:30** Break
- 14:45** Panel: How Can an Interprofessional Team Support Normal Birth?  
*Anne Biringer, family physician • Nancy Kent, obstetrician • Melanie Basso, nurse • Linda Knox, midwife*
- 15:30** Building Partnerships with Women, their Families and Care Providers  
*Michael Klein, family physician*
- 16:00** Active Engagement with Participants
- 16:30** Adjournment

## Friday, May 13, 2011

### Day 3 - Turning the Tide

- 7:30** Continental Breakfast
- 9:00** Turning the Tide: Balancing Birth Experience & Interventions for Best Outcomes to Improve Birth for Women  
*Karen Buhler, family physician*
- 9:45** Active Participation
- 10:45** Break
- 11:00** Conference Panel Presentation  
*Nardia Strydom, panel chair*
- 12:00** Closing Statements and Adjournment  
*Lee Saxell, conference chair*

### Conference Questions:

- How do we promote women's autonomy and control regardless of risk?
- How do the following interventions impact the birth experience? What is the optimal use of each intervention?
  - continuous electronic fetal monitoring
  - induction of labour
  - epidural
- How do we build partnerships with women and their families to improve delivery of care?
- What support is required from government, hospitals and Perinatal Services BC, to help balance interventions and the birth experience?