First Specialty Symposium

HOT TOPICS IN PERINATAL MEDICINE

September 15, 2012
Hariri School of Nursing, AUB
Beirut, Lebanon

Organized by the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Continuing Medical Education Office at the American University of Beirut

Announcement

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A Message from the Activity Director

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my privilege and enormous pleasure to invite you to the first specialty symposium, Hot Topics in Perinatal Medicine, to be held on September 15, 2012 at the American University of Beirut Medical Center.

This will be the first in a series of specialty symposia that will be organized by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at AUBMC.

With renowned international and local speakers, we can guarantee that the symposium will be a rewarding scientific exchange in many aspects of pregnant women’s health from the basics of labor management to the cutting-edge science of non-invasive techniques for prenatal diagnosis. The program is broad and varied in content and should include topics of interest to every obstetrician.

Don’t miss the opportunity to take part in this unique event, and I do look forward to welcoming you all in Beirut at the end of summer.

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General Information and Accreditation

Program Overview
This activity will cover a myriad of topics that range from evidence-based practices in the delivery suite to contemporary controversies in perinatal medicine.

Objectives
After completing this activity, the participant will be able to do the following:
1. Describe the most recent intrapartum evidence-based practices.
2. Provide an update on non-invasive prenatal diagnosis techniques.
3. Debate major controversies in perinatal medicine.

Date and Venue
The symposium will be held on September 15, 2012 at the Hariri School of Nursing, at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

Accreditation Statement
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education and the American University of Beirut Medical Center. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Participants claiming CME credit from this activity may submit the credit hours to the American Osteopathic Association for Category 2 Credit.
Lebanese Order of Physicians Statement
The Hot Topics in Perinatal Medicine Symposium also complies with the Lebanese Order of Physicians Continuing Medical Education guidelines.

Faculty Disclosure
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education has implemented a policy to comply with the current Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education Standards for Commercial Support requiring resolution of all faculty conflicts of interest. Faculty declaring a relevant commercial interest will be identified in the activity syllabus.

Target Audience
This annual scientific meeting has been designed primarily for physicians in the field of obstetrics and gynecology.
Program

The symposium will feature state-of-the-art educational sessions.

08:00 – 08:50    Registration
08:50 – 09:00    Opening Remarks

Session 1: Evidence-Based Delivery Suite Practices
09:00 – 09:25    Cervical Ripening: Non-Conventional Modalities
                 Dr. Labib Ghulmiyyah
09:25 – 09:50    Women Are Designed to Deliver Vaginally
                 Dr. Gerard Visser
09:50 – 10:15    Episiotomy: Should It Be Performed Routinely?
                 Dr. Ihab Usta
10:15 – 10:40    Prevention and Treatment of Postpartum Hemorrhage:
                 What’s New?
                 Dr. Abdallah Adra
10:40 – 11:00    Discussion
11:00 – 11:20    COFFEE BREAK
11:20 – 11:50    KEY NOTE TALK: Non-Invasive Prenatal Diagnosis:
                 Time for Application?
                 Dr. Lyn Chitty

Session 2: Progesterone Use in Obstetrics: First Trimester and Beyond
11:50 – 12:15    First Trimester Use: Evidence-Based Practice or En Vogue?
                 Dr. Fadi Mirza
12:15 – 12:40    Second Trimester Use: Progesterone for the Prevention
                 of Preterm Delivery
                 Dr. Steve Thornton
12:40 – 13:00    Discussion
13:00 – 14:00    LUNCH BREAK
Session 3: Controversies in Perinatal Medicine: The Debates

14:00 – 14:30  Cervical Length: Should It Be Done Routinely?  
   Drs. Steve Thornton and Fadi Mirza

14:30 – 15:00  Cerclage: A Procedure Looking for an Indication?  
   Drs. Gerard Visser and Rabih Chahine

15:00 – 15:30  Thrombophilia Workup and Treatment: Is It Justified?  
   Drs. Anwar Nassar and Labib Ghulmiyyah

15:30 – 15:50  Discussion

15:50 – 16:10  COFFEE BREAK

16:10 – 16:40  Magnesium Sulfate for Neuroprotection: Are We There Yet?  
   Drs. Anwar Nassar and Ihab Usta

16:40 – 17:20  Acute Tocolysis: Is There an Ideal Agent?  
   Drs. Steve Thornton and Gerard Visser

17:20 – 17:40  Discussion

17:40 – 17:45  Concluding Remarks

Registration

Registration fees are as follows:
- LBP 75,000 or USD 50 for physicians requesting AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and/or Lebanese Order of Physicians (LOP) credits with proper identification.
- LBP 15,000 or USD 10 for students requesting a certificate of attendance ONLY with proper identification.

Registration fees include:
- Admission to the symposium
- Certificate of attendance at the end of the symposium
- CME credit certificate
- Coffee breaks and lunch
- Syllabus
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