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Dear President

Launch of FIGO-ICM Statement on Post-Partum Haemorrhage

We were sorry that you were not able to be with us at the Presidents' Meeting at the 2006 FIGO Congress in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia to sign the Declaration of Support for FIGO-ICM Global Effort to Prevent Postpartum Haemorrhage. We do however want to ensure that you are aware of the continuation of the PPH initiative.

Enclosed is a copy of the joint FIGO-ICM statement approved at the General Assembly, *Prevention and Treatment of Post-partum Haemorrhage: New Advances for Low Resource Settings*. This version as well as translations of the statement into French, Spanish and Arabic are available on the FIGO web site at www.figo.org.

This new statement reflects the state-of-the-art and science of prevention and treatment of post-partum haemorrhage (PPH) in low resource settings. It builds upon the very successful first joint statement on the *Management of the Third Stage of Labour to Prevent Post-partum Haemorrhage* issued in 2002, which is also available on the FIGO Website.

This latest statement is a part of the ongoing collaboration between FIGO and The International Confederation of Midwives ("ICM") in the FIGO-ICM Global Initiative on the Prevention of Post-Partum Haemorrhage.

The goal of the Global Initiative is to lower the exceptionally high rates of maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in countries around the world. FIGO and ICM will continue to work collaboratively to promote these statements and distribute them to the membership of both organizations.

Tools and resources have been developed and distributed in order to assist you with in-country promotion of the statement and are also available on the FIGO Website. A toolkit and other resources have also been developed by POPPHI (the Prevention of Post-Partum Hemorrhage Initiative) and these are available on their website (www.pphprevention.org). The toolkit is designed to provide useful, practical information and materials for health providers so that they can prevent postpartum hemorrhage through active management of the third stage of labor and advocate for necessary policy change to assure that active management of the third stage of labor is available to all pregnant women.

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In addition, in 2006 the FIGO Council approved two motions designed to encourage Societies to work in collaboration with colleagues from other professional disciplines.

The motions are:

- FIGO recommends that all its member societies meet with their midwife, nursing and general medical colleagues to implement the delegation of acts that will reduce maternal mortality due to PPH.
- That oxytocin and misoprostol in the active management of 3rd stage of labour be delegated to nurses, midwives and general practitioners throughout their countries. Ob/gyn takes the lead to train all professionals in the proper use of these medications. Local ob/gyn need to lobby their governments to provide continuous uninterrupted drug supplies to prevent and treat PPH as well as establish fully functional blood banks.

All Societies are encouraged to take action on the above motions, and to provide feedback to the FIGO Secretariat with respect to barriers that you might encounter as well as the successes you achieve.

Representatives of FIGO member societies who were in attendance at the President's Meeting signed a commitment of support for the initiative. We trust that you will also make the commitment to take an active role in promoting this initiative within your country. Please join your colleagues by accepting the following commitment:

We the undersigned support the use of active management of the third stage of labour (AMTSL) by all skilled birth attendants regardless of where they practice. Likewise, in situations where no oxytocin is available or birth attendants' skills are limited, we support the use of misoprostol administered immediately after the birth of the baby to reduce the occurrence of haemorrhage. As national leaders of professional associations we pledge to promote these practices and to take action to prevent PPH in our communities

We have enclosed a copy of a photograph of Professor Arnaldo Acosta (Past-President), Dr Andre Lalonde (Chair of the FIGO Committee for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health), and Ms Kathy Herschderfer (Secretary General of the International Confederation of Midwives) after they signed the pledge banner. Please feel free to use this photograph to promote this initiative in your Society newsletter or Website.

We urge you to distribute the enclosed statement, and the other materials, to your members and to the Ministry of Health as well as to work collaboratively with midwives and other organizations in your country to implement the recommendations.

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In the coming months FIGO will provide additional information and resources with respect to the ongoing strategy for work in this area, and information will be made available to you. In the interim, if the FIGO Secretariat, or the FIGO Committee for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health can be of support to you in promoting this initiative, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Shaw". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light blue rectangular background.

Dorothy Shaw
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "André Lalonde". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a white background.

André Lalonde
Co-Chair, Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health Committee.



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