



# Department of Sexual Reproductive Health and Research (SRH) Maternal and Perinatal Health (MPH)

Members of the Guideline Development Group for WHO recommendations on detecting and treating postpartum haemorrhage using care bundles

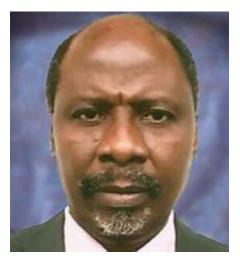
## Aris Papageorghiou (Chair)



Aris Papageorghiou is Professor of Fetal Medicine. He splits his time between academic work at the University of Oxford, and providing clinical services to the National Health Service at St George's Hospital in London. He is research director of the Oxford Maternal and Perinatal Health Institute and leads research in maternal, fetal and perinatal health using diverse methods. These include large global cohort studies and trials in low resource settings. His research in the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in imaging led to him founding the Oxford

spin-out, *Intelligent Ultrasound*. Committed to globally accessible education, he founded *www.scan.academy* during the pandemic. Aris is a prolific academic with over 450 original articles and an h-index of 86. He has received many honours, including a prestigious Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Athens; Honorary Fellow Award of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine; and Fellowship of the International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 2022 he was appointed as Editor-in-Chief for the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

## Oluwarotimi Ireti Akinola



Akinola Oluwarotimi Ireti is a professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Lagos State University.

He has about 30 years academic work experience. His research focus had been on developing appropriate low cost and effective technics in managing obstetric and gynaecological problems in Low and Middle income countries. His work has led him to being coopted into various technical working groups of the State, Federal Ministry of Health and World Health organization on emergency obstetric care and cervical cancer prevention. He is the immediate past president of the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria He has published over 80 scientific articles and

presented papers at various international conferences.





#### Melania Amorim



Obstetrician and Gynecologist, professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics (Universidade Federal de Campina Grande and Instituto de Medicina Integral Professor Fernando Figueira, Brazil), researcher, feminist and activist for sexual and reproductive rights. Member of Brazilian Feminist Network of Gynecologists and Obstetricians. Member of Specialized Comission on Maternal Mortality, Federação Brasileira das Sociedades de Ginecologia e Obstetrícia (Febrasgo). Autistic and mother of two autistic children, André and Joaquim.

#### Main interests:

Evidence-based medicine, maternal mortality, humanization of childbirth, high-risk pregnancy, hypertension in pregnancy, pregnancy and postpartum care, emergencies and intensive care in Obstetrics, abortion, sexual and reproductive rights, autism and neurodiversity.

### **Brendan Carvalho**



Dr. Carvalho is the Chief of Obstetric
Anesthesiology and Maternal Health, Vice Chair of
Faculty Development, and Professor in the
Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and
Pain Medicine, Stanford University Medical Center.
He is the Past President of the Society of Obstetric
Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP), and founder
the SOAP Center of Excellence for Obstetric
Anesthesia Care Designation. He has published

extensively in the field of Obstetric Anesthesia with over 350 peer-reviewed articles, editorials, reviews, book chapters and commentaries. He has received several NIH, pharmaceutical and institutional grants, and won numerous research awards including three Best Research Papers at SOAP scientific meetings. Dr. Carvalho has won both the early and late-career Teacher of the Year awards at SOAP, and was voted Teacher of the Year at Stanford University's Departments of Anesthesia. He has presented at over 220 regional, national and international meetings and visiting professorships. He serves/has served on numerous national medical society committees and medical journal editorial boards, and as an advisor/consultant to the World Health Organization. His clinical and translational research and scholarly activities cover cesarean and labor analgesia, perinatal pharmacology and immunology, obstetric hemorrhage, and postpartum recovery.

## **Catherine Deneux-Tharaux**







Catherine Deneux-Tharaux holds a double degree in Medicine (MD) and Public Health from the University of Chapel Hill (MPH) and Paris (PhD). After starting her career in clinical activity, she chose to become a full-time researcher in perinatal epidemiology. She is currently a research director at Inserm, the French national Institute for Health and Medical Research.

Her research focuses on identifying the determinants of the most severe maternal complications: maternal mortality and severe morbidity, in particular severe postpartum haemorrhage, with a special interest for

determinants related to care and its quality. The final objective is to identify areas for improvement to reduce the occurrence of these severe events.

Her research program combines observational and interventional approaches, in France and Europe. She has coordinated several large-scale randomized trials on PPH prevention and treatment.

She coordinates the French Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths (ENCMM), and leads the "Severe Maternal Morbidity" group at the Center for Statistics and Epidemiology of Université de Paris. She chairs the Scientific board of the French Society for Perinatal Medicine (SFMP).

### **Caroline Homer**

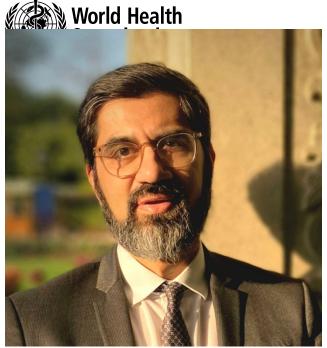


Professor Caroline Homer AO is Deputy Director, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the Burnet Institute in Melbourne and Emeritus Professor of Midwifery in the Faculty of Health at the University of Technology Sydney. She is the Chair of the Australian's National Health and Medical Research Council, Deputy Chair of the Australian Medical Advisory Board for the Medical Research Future Fund and Chair of WHO's Strategic

Technical Advisory Committee for Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (STAGE). Caroline has been part of WHO guideline panels for many years including the recent postnatal care guidelines.

# Rajat Khosla





Rajat Khosla is the Director of the International Institute on Global Health (UNU - IIGH). Rajat works on

global health and inequalities through the intersections of research, policy and practice. Over the last twenty years his research has focused on global

health, development, gender equality, health equity,

and human rights. He has published widely in academic publications and writes regularly on global health issues. His present research commitments include: racism and global health; social justice; accountability; and gender and digital health governance. Prior to his appointment at UNU - IIGH, he served as Senior Director for Research, Advocacy, and Policy

at Amnesty International. He previously worked at the World Health Organisation and UN Office of the

High Commissioner for Human Rights where his work focused on research and normative development for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals related to health in particular on issues related to sexual and reproductive health; devel

op and guide policy and legal analysis; and develop

policy frameworks on the integration of women's rights in humanitarian emergencies.

Previously Rajat has served in a variety of research and policy roles at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, the International Environmental Law Research Centre, and other organisations, and worked as an independent research and policy consultant for such organisations as UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA. Rajat is an Adjunct Research Professor at the

University of Southern California Institute on Inequalities

in Global Health and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Essex Human Rights Centre.

His current affiliations include serving as a member of the WHO Advisory Group on Gender Equality, Health Equity and Human Rights, and a member of the UNU -

IIGH Gender and Health Hub High - level

Advisory Committee. He is an alumna of University of Delhi and University of Essex.

## **Tippawan Liabsuetrakul**







Tippawan Liabsuetrakul is a Professor at Faculty of Medicine, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand. She received her MD, Diploma in Thai Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and PhD in Epidemiology, respectively. In addition, Dr. Liabsuetrakul had a short course training in International Community Health and Optimal allocation and Economic Evaluation for Health Resources and Health Technologies. She has the experiences of international consultancy on health care reform and reproductive health, evidence-based medicine, surveillance system on maternal and newborn health, proposal development, and data analysis in several countries such as Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and South Africa.

She received the Outstanding Royal Golden Jubilee Alumni Awards, the Exemplary Researcher Award of Prince of Songkla University, the Exemplary Award for Academic Services of Faculty of Medicine

Currently, Dr. Liabsuetrakul is a Head of Department of Epidemiology, the Director of WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training on Epidemiology and Vice Dean for Research Affairs. She was in World's Top 2% Scientist List ranked by Elsevier in 2021 & 2022. So far, she has more than 150 international publications on maternal health; adolescent health; communicable diseases; non- communicable diseases; quality of care; cost estimation and economic evaluation as well as health system and services.

## **Elliott Kingwill Main**



Dr. Main is the Medical Director for the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) since its inception in 2006 and a Professor at Stanford University. He has led collaborations with public and private organizations to reduce California's maternal mortality rate by 50% and significantly reduced morbidity from hemorrhage. California is the most populous US state with 500,000 annual births and 240 maternity hospitals. Dr Main chairs the California Maternal Mortality Review Committee and translated those findings to design topic-specific quality improvement toolkits

that have then been implemented in large-scale (>120 hospital) learning collaboratives. The CMQCC Hemorrhage Toolkit is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition and been downloaded over 15,000 times. Nationally, Dr Main chaired the multi-disciplinary team that developed the National Safety Bundle for Obstetric Hemorrhage by the AIM project based at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and supported by the Federal Government and now used in all 50 states. He has also been a team member for the national safety bundles for Maternal Hypertension, Sepsis, and Supporting Vaginal Birth. For implementation, data and measures have been key. He has worked with the CDC and other federal and regulatory agencies to develop a set of clinical metrics used nationally to drive improvement. Dr Main

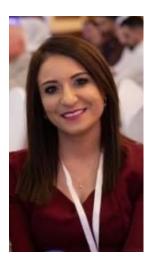




**Organization** with his wife, Dr Denise Main, have worked together in Tamil Nadu, India and in Honduras tackling AIDS/SIDA for the last 22

years.

### **Hadil Masri**



Hadil Y. Masri, MBBS, PhD is a practicing consultant obstetrician & gynecologist. She completed her PhD in detection and prevention of obstetric anal sphincter injuries in Palestine at University of Oslo, Norway (2018). Her research project resulted in improved diagnosis, management, and prevention of maternal childbirth trauma. She has an experience in quantitative and qualitative research related to maternal health in collaboration with national and international partners. She is currently involved in Midwifery Research and Education Development (MIDRED) project titled "Exploring Quality of Maternal and Newborn Care in Palestine" a collaboration between Birzeit University and Ministry of Health in Palestine, Oslo Metropolitan University in Norway and University of Ghana in Ghana. She is assigned as a part-time assistant professor of Women's Health

master program at Birzeit University, where she is responsible for developing course curriculum and supervising master thesis in addition to teaching.

Dr. Hadeel has been the head of Women's Health & Development Unit at the ministry of Health since 2020. She is a diligent professional with strong work ethics, who co-leads the national efforts to attain the highest possible level of sexual and reproductive health and rights for Palestinian women, in partnership with NGOs and UN organizations. As a policymaker, Dr. Hadeel's role includes but not limited to undertaking situation analysis, formulating and revising strategies and policies, development of evidence-based contextualized clinical national protocols and guidelines, in addition to extensive capacity building of healthcare providers.

As a former member of the Palestinian OBGYN Scientific Board committee and a current member of the Palestinian OBGYN Specialty Program Supervisory Committee, Dr. Hadeel contributes to revising pre-requisites for OBGYN specialty programs, learning resources and assessment of trainee doctors.

#### Martin Meremikwu

Professor of Paediatrics & Clinical Epidemiology University of Calabar Nigeria

## Kui Muraya

Prinicipal Investigator KEMRI- Wellcome Trust





# Mari Nagai



She has over 25 years of experience in global health in Pacific, Asia, Middle East and African countries including conflict and post-conflict area. Her areas of expertise are in health system strengthening, health workforce, and universal health coverage particularly for reproductive, maternal, and newborn health. Throughout her career, Dr Nagai has worked to improve access to health care for vulnerable, isolated populations and those marginalized either socially or geographically. This has included areas such as Afghanistan where only female health workers can provide reproductive and maternal care to females, and pregnant women are unlikely to seek institutional delivery.

Her career in global health started as a medical doctor of MSF to provide humanitarian assistance for populations displaced by conflict. Later she began working as a public health practitioner with a variety of academic, non-government organizations, and bilateral and multilateral organizations. During her time at WPRO, she worked extensively to improve access to quality reproductive, maternal, and newborn care for women in the Pacific and Asian countries.

She has contributed to developing various of WHO recommendations for reproductive and maternal health. She also served as a member of the Global Fund Technical Review Panel from 2010-2014 and the Technical Evaluation Reference Group from 2018-2022. In addition to earning a medical degree, she received an MPH in health and human rights and refugee health from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and a PhD in health system strengthening at the Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine.

## Angela Ndunge Nguku



Angela Nguku is the Founder and Executive Director for White Ribbon Alliance Kenya, a national women-led movement for Adolescent, Sexual ,Reproductive, Maternal, New-born and Health (ASRMNH) and rights. A graduate midwife and a passionate women and girls health and rights advocate and champion, Angela's' career spans 18 years of dedicated work towards ending preventable maternal and newborn deaths globally and amplifying the voices of marginalized and vulnerable populations and frontline health workers in Kenya, throughout Africa and globally. An accomplished advocate and thought leader, Angela combines





**Organization** her proven influencing and negotiation skills in advocating for the accountability for women, girls, new-borns and frontline

health workers. Angela serves on various Global and Regional committees and boards including the WHO Postpartum Haemorrhage Steering committee, the Peoples' Advisory Board of the Lancet Global Health Commission on High Quality Health Systems in the SDGs Era, the Global Commission to overcome information gaps before, during and after pregnancy for women with severe chronic diseases, The Joint Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality and Every Newborn Action Plan (EPMM/ENAP) Management Team where she serves as a co-chair of the Advocacy and Accountability working group, the global Steering Committee for AlignMNH, The Global Health Council Board of Directors, Merck for Mothers Advisory board, The Deliver for Good Campaign Advisory group in Kenya among others . Angela, A Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2018 Goalkeeper is a sought - after expert key note speaker, writer and moderator and has many writings and publications to her name.

# **Dilys Walker**



Dilys Walker is a Professor in the UCSF Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. She serves as the Acting Director of the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health and the Director of the Institute for Global Health Science (IGHS) Center for Global Maternal Newborn Child Health Research. As a clinician researcher, her academic career has focused on implementation research in limited resource settings, taking a life course approach to improving outcomes for women, mothers, and their newborns. She lived and worked in Mexico for over a decade where among other achievements, she and colleagues developed an innovative provider training program for emergency obstetric and newborn care (PRONTO), based on

highly realistic simulation and team training. PRONTO now has programs in over 14 countries globally. UCSF, led by Dr Walker, is a technical anchor for the USAID funded Health Evaluation and Applied Research Development Project and recently worked with collaborators in Madagascar and Malawi to improve postpartum hemorrhage care. She currently serves as a member of the WHO PPH Guideline Development Group and the Strategic and WHO Technical Advisory Group of Experts (STAGE) on Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition.