

Postpartum Haemorrhage Summit

List of Steering Committee Members - Short bios



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Biography

- Sabaratnam Arulkumaran is a Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at St. George's, the University of London, and visiting Professor at Imperial College, London. From 2001 to 2013, he headed the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at St. George's University in London. He has been the foundation Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Nicosia from 2013 to date. He is the former president of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (2012-2015), the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (2007-2010) and was president of the British Medical Association (2013-2014).
- Professor Arulkumaran is the author of 38 books, 165 chapters, and more than 290 publications in leading journals. He was the former Editor-in-Chief of "Best Practice and Research in Clinical Obstetrics and Gynaecology" - a popular CME Postgraduate Journal and the Global Library of Women's medicine - www.glowm.com. He is a member of the editorial board of many international obstetric and gynaecological journals. Professor Arulkumaran graduated with an honours MBBS degree and a Diploma in Child Health from the University of Ceylon. He then obtained his MD and PhD by research from the National University of Singapore. In recognition of Services to Medicine & Health he was awarded the Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom in her Birthday Honours List in June 2009.



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Biography

- Dr Jolly Beyeza-Kashesya is a senior consultant obstetrician and gynecologist at Mulago specialized women and Neonatal hospital, Uganda, and a fellow of the college of East Central and Southern African College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FCOG (ECSA)). Jolly holds a masters' in obstetrics/gynecology from the People's Republic of China (PRC); and in Business Administration (MBA) from the eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI) and a double PhD in Reproductive Health from Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) and Makerere University (Kampala). She has served as Executive Director and President of the Ob/Gyn of Uganda Association. Previously, she has served as a member of the FIGO Committee for the Ethical Aspects of Human Reproduction and Women's Health and as Chair of the FIGO PPH working group. Currently, she serves as Vice-Chair of the FIGO Committee on Childbirth and PPH.
- Jolly has contributed to policy documents in maternal health at the Uganda MoH and continues to contribute to MNH through advocacy for the Sexual and Reproductive Rights approach to MNH care. Hospital mandate includes patient care, research and teaching, and mentoring undergraduate, postgraduate, and PhD students. In addition, jolly is a national and international trainer and facilitator of emergency obstetric and newborn care and maternal & perinatal death surveillance and response (MPDSR) training workshops as a team leader and in other teams as well as a member.



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- Michel Brun holds a double degree in Medicine and Public Health from the Universities of Strasbourg and Nancy (France). He is in charge of EmONC facility development and Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response at the Technical Division of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- Prior to his engagement with the UN, Michel was President of the NGO “Aide Medicale Internationale” (AMI)”, a major French relief organization. Then he worked for the French and Swiss development cooperation. He has extensive experience in health system development across countries including Afghanistan, Myanmar, Kurdistan of Iraq, Vanuatu, Timor Leste, and Haiti where he served as Minister of health advisor.



Rizwana Chaudhri

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- Professor Rizwana Chaudhri is a renowned Gynecologist and Researcher in Pakistan. She graduated from Rawalpindi Medical University with flying colours, followed by Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 2005 and FRCOG in 2016. She served as the Professor and Dean of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Rawalpindi Medical University and its affiliated hospitals till 12th October 2019. She has participated in several local and international types of research during her tenure at RMU. After her retirement, she devoted herself entirely to research. Currently, she is the Head of the Department of Translational Research at Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University, Principal Scientist at the Global Institute of Human Development-Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University (GIHD-STMU), Islamabad, Pakistan. She has 30 years of experience providing clinical services in the academic setting of a public institution and is one of the pioneers of foetal-maternal medicine in Pakistan. She has exemplary service in reducing maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in underprivileged regions of the country and was part of the Safe motherhood initiative.
- She is the Project Director of the community midwifery Worker training program sponsored by USAID. At the International level, she has extensive experience working in partnership with leading organisations like WHO, UNFPA, USAID, LSHTM, UCLA, etc. She is the Chief collaborator of the Pakistan National Coordinating Center, coordinating joint projects with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). In addition, she has successfully collaborated with large international randomised Controlled Trials such as the WOMAN trial, Crash 3 Trial, and Halt-it trial. She is currently coordinating the WOMAN 2 trial across the country.



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Biography

- Professor Sue Fawcus is a Senior Scholar and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the University of Cape Town. She recently retired from 25 years as Head of Obstetric services at Mowbray Maternity Hospital. Her main goals were quality improvement of public sector maternity care and promoting respectful care. She is a member of the National Committee for Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths, with the responsibility of analyzing all deaths due to Obstetric Haemorrhage and deaths related to Caesarean Section in South Africa. More recently, she has assisted with research and audit on the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on maternal and reproductive health and is a co-PI for the E Motive PPH clinical trial in South Africa.



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Biography

- Hadiza Galadanci is a Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the College of Health Sciences Bayero University Kano (BUK) and is now the founding Director of the African Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy, BUK, Nigeria. She has established a research network and delivered over 20 studies with WHO, Mac Arthur Foundation, FIGO, MRC, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She has trained and mentored over 600 medical students, residents, and postgraduate students and has published over 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals. She has extensive experience working and conducting projects with WHO, USAID, UNICEF, UNFPA, and MNCH2.
- She is an inspiring model for women, particularly women in clinical academics. She is the first female obstetrician to be trained in the Kano region. She has won multiple awards for her leading work in maternal health in Nigeria, including FIGO Women Award 2018. She has served as a member in several initiatives and working groups, including the Steering Committee West Africa Health Organization for the reduction of Maternal Mortality, AlignMNH, and the TETFund National Research Fund. Currently the Chair of the National Reproductive Health Working Group. She has a Bachelor's in Medicine and Surgery from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, a Master's in Reproductive Health and Sexual Health Research from University College London, and a Diploma from the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. A Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons and Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology United Kingdom.



Caroline HOMER

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Biography

- Professor Caroline Homer RM MN MMedSc (ClinEpi) PhD trained as a nurse and a midwife and has academic qualifications in epidemiology and a PhD. She is an elected Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science and holds a senior Investigator Fellowship with the National Health and Medical Research Council. She is currently the Chair of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the Deputy Chair for the Australian Medical Research Advisory Committee for the Medical Research Future Fund. She is also the Chair of the World Health Organization's Strategic and Technical Advisory Group of Experts (STAGE) for Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health, and Nutrition advising the WHO Director General on these issues.
- Caroline has led research and development in midwifery, maternal and newborn health for more than 25 years in Australia and across the Asia-Pacific region. She has been a key contributor to multiple State of the World's Midwifery reports since 2014 and was a lead researcher on the Lancet Series on Midwifery. She works closely with WHO on guideline development and UNFPA on strengthening midwifery in the Asia Pacific region.



Mr Pete LAMBERT

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Biography

- Mr Pete Lambert, MPhil, is a pharmaceutical scientist and global health researcher. Originally trained as a pharmacist at the Liverpool School of Pharmacy in the UK (1990), he has approaching 20 years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry developing novel drug delivery systems for conditions of high need. After working with an NGO in KwaZulu Natal, he completed his Master of Philosophy in HIV/AIDS Management at Stellenbosch University (2013). On arrival in Australia, he worked as the Director of Development at Medicines Development Limited (now Medicines Development for Global Health) before joining Monash University in 2012.
- Mr Lambert co-leads the inhaled oxytocin program at Monash developing a novel heat-stable, non-injectable, and affordable oxytocin delivery system for the prevention and treatment of PPH. In addition, with an extensive collaborative network, he leads a dedicated research portfolio addressing issues of medicines quality in the maternal and neonatal health fields in low- and middle-income countries. His professional interests focus on developing and improving access to quality-assured essential medicines in resource-constrained settings.



Cammie LEE

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Biography

- Cammie Lee is an expert on shaping markets to transform access to lifesaving health and nutrition products. Ms. Lee leads Results for Development's (R4D) Market Shaping practice area and previously served as the Country Director in Tanzania. She leads strategy and oversees program design and execution of R4D's market-shaping portfolio of projects, taking a systematic and analytical approach to identifying market failures, developing dynamic market strategies, and catalyzing the alignment of priorities and incentives of key actors across the value chain of regulatory, financing, supply and demand at global and country level. She currently manages a team that spans Ethiopia, Nigeria, Tanzania, and the US that supports the launch and scale-up of essential products across West Africa, East Africa, and South Asia. In addition, Ms. Lee contributes to organization-wide strategy, partner outreach, DEI initiatives, and staff development as a member of R4D's Program Leadership Group and Management Team.
- Before joining R4D, Ms. Lee worked in strategy and management consulting at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where she conducted needs assessments, market sizing, and financial analysis and developed business cases and market entry strategies for pharmaceutical, industrial goods, and financial services companies. Previously, Ms. Lee worked at the U.N. Secretary-General's Strategic Planning Unit, helping to develop his global health strategy, and climate change policy and strengthening the U.N.'s collaboration with the creative community.



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Biography

- 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 organisations to reduce California's maternal mortality rate by 50% and significantly reduced morbidity from haemorrhage. California is the most populous US state with 500,000 annual births and 240 maternity hospitals. Dr Main has been the chair of the California Maternal Mortality Review Committee for the last 10 years and translated those findings to design topic-specific maternal quality improvement toolkits for use in large-scale (>120 hospital) learning collaboratives. The CMQCC Haemorrhage Toolkit is in its 3rd Edition and has been downloaded over 15,000 times.
- Nationally, Dr Main chaired the multidisciplinary team that developed the National Safety Bundle for Obstetric Haemorrhage by the AIM project based at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) 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, with his wife, Dr Denise Main, have worked together in Tamil Nadu, India and in Honduras tackling AIDS/SIDA for the last 22 years.



Suellen MILLER

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Biography

- Professor Suellen Miller is Director of the Safe Motherhood Program, UCSF Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Emerita Professor at UC Berkeley, School of Public Health. She is recognized internationally as a researcher and clinical trialist, conducting qualitative and quantitative research, mainly in lower-resourced settings. Her research focuses on maternal survival, maternal health, evidence-based care, and respectful quality maternity care. Some research examples include comparative studies of varying strategies and treatments for obstetric hemorrhage, including seminal trials of the Non-pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (NASG), misoprostol for PPH prevention and treatment at the community level, and the continuum of maternal care.
- She is currently working with the World Health Organization and the Emotive Project on Postpartum Hemorrhage care bundles. The author of over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, Professor Miller, was the lead author of “Beyond Too Little Too Late, Too Much Too Soon” in the Lancet 2016 Maternal Health Series and “Quality of Care in Institutionalized Deliveries: The Paradox of Maternal Mortality in the Dominican Republic” in IJGO. In addition, she is a founding member and on the executive committee of FIGO’s International Childbirth Initiative (ICI).



Richard MUGAHI

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Biography

- Richard is a medical doctor with specialisation in Public Health. Currently works as Assistant Commissioner for Reproductive and Infant Health in Uganda. He has 20 years experience of working at different levels of Health Care in Uganda, As a frontline clinician for 10 years, 06 years as District Health Officer coordinating health service delivery in more than 60 health facilities. During his tenure as DHO he introduced health service delivery reforms under the saving mothers giving life interventions that resulted in 100% Skilled Birth Attendance and 50% reduction in Maternal Mortality in the district.
- Dr Richard is currently championing national efforts to end preventable maternal and perinatal system through strengthening of the MPDSR program and Local Maternity and Neonatal System.
- He was recognised with the Paul Harris Fellow award by Rotary International for his contribution towards safe motherhood.
- Has authored work in the area of respectful maternity care, Burden of maternal sepsis and Maternal and Newborn Quality of Care. He is an Alumni of Makerere University, Uganda, Melbourne University Australia and also Alumni of the USA International Visitors Program on combating of infectious diseases.



Angela NGUKU

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Biography

- Ms Angela Nguku is the Founder and Executive Director of the White Ribbon Alliance Kenya. A passionate Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Adolescent Health (RMNAH) champion, Ms. Nguku's career spans over 17 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. A graduate midwife and an accomplished advocate thought leader, Ms. Nguku combines her influencing and negotiation skills in advocating for accountability for RMNAH. She serves on various committees and boards, including the People's Advisory Board of the Lancet Global Health Commission on High-Quality Health Systems in the SDGs Era, as well as on Advisory Groups for the Global Action Plan for Healthier Lives and Well Being, the Joint Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality and Every Newborn Action Plan Management Team, the Global Steering Committee for AlignMNH, the Global Health Council Board, Merck for Mothers Advisory board the Global Commission to overcome information gaps before, during and after pregnancy for women with severe chronic diseases among others.
- As a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2018 Goalkeeper, Goalkeeper is a sought-after expert speaker by media and other players in the health and development sector and has written various articles and publications on the need to invest in citizens self-articulated health needs in shaping the global health agenda why quality health care defined by women and girls self-expressed needs matters in the UHC era why investing in frontline health workers and Primary Health Care is the best buy, why health literacy is an essential catalyst to achieving the SDGs among others.



Hrishikesh PAI

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Biography

- Dr Hrishikesh Pai, one of the leading gynaecologists and amongst the pioneers in the field of infertility treatment in India, has been named as the 61st President of FOGSI, the Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies of India. FOGSI is a professional organization representing practitioners of obstetrics and gynecology in India, with 266 member societies and over 39,500 individual members spread across the country. Dr Pai, Founder and Medical Director of the Bloom IVF Group, is one of the earliest gynecologists in India to foray into the world of Assisted reproductive technology (ART) in 1991 and has introduced many innovations in the field.
- He is also a leading teacher and academician and has many articles and research papers published in national and international books and journals. He has been honoured with over 61 awards, including the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Special Award to Eminent Medical Men for Distinguished Achievement of the Highest Order 2020-21 by the National Indian Medical Association. Dr Pai is also the recipient of the prestigious Fellowship ad eundem FRCOG from the Royal College of Obstetrics & Gynecology, UK.



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Biography

- Dr. Daisy Ruto is a Kenyan obstetrician/gynecologist with over two decades of combined experience in clinical practice, research, and program implementation, across public, private, and NGO sectors. Her experience in these sectors includes significant focus on prevention, diagnosis, and management of postpartum hemorrhage. Dr. Ruto is currently a Senior Project Technical Advisor for Jhpigo, the global health implementation arm of Johns Hopkins University, and Project Lead for the Smiles for Mothers project in Kenya. Smiles for Mothers, funded by MSD for Mothers and led by Jhpigo, aims to support the Government of Kenya to reduce postpartum hemorrhage through a government-led initiative to strengthen response to PPH through innovative health system improvements and multi-sectoral partnerships. This project supports Kenyan sub-national governments to adapt the national costed roadmap and tailor it to county-level implementation plans to introduce heat stable carbetocin into the public sector, while utilizing an HCD-led planning process for ownership and accountability for innovations and continuation of innovations around priority PPH-related problems in a sustainable manner.
- In collaboration with a wide range of partners and stakeholders, Dr. Ruto is leading the consortium's efforts related to PPH-related service delivery strengthening, supply chain strengthening, policy and advocacy, innovative financing, and awareness creation/demand generation. She has supported the Ministry of Health in the development and design of various policy documents, guidelines, strategies, and training curricula including as an active member of the Maternal Newborn Health, Family Planning, CECAP, Quality, and Adolescent Technical Working Groups, including relevant task forces. Dr. Ruto received her Bachelor's Degree of Medicine and Surgery from Moi University in 1998, and Masters in Obstetrics and Gynecology from the University of Nairobi in 2007.



Patricia TITULAER

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Biography

- Patricia Titulaer is a midwife with a master's in international health. She has extensive experience building capacity of midwives and other healthcare providers and implementing programming aimed at reducing maternal mortality including prevention of PPH. She has worked with international organizations such as the International Confederation of Midwives, Doctors without Borders and more recently the World Health Organization.
- Patricia has contributed to the development of WHO guidelines and has researched amongst others, access to quality midwifery care, the use of oxytocin in low resources settings. She implemented multi country projects focusing on training in prevention of PPH, adaptation of national MNH guidelines, and point of care quality improvement. Patricia has a special interest in prevention of unsafe abortion. She currently manages the Helping Mothers and Babies Survive products at Laerdal Global Health. Patricia represents the International Confederation of Midwives in the PPH Steering Committee.



Pauline WILLIAMS

Independent Pharmaceutical Medicine Consultant

Biography

- Pauline Williams is a pharmaceutical physician, formerly SVP and Head of Global Health R&D at GSK. She has spent most of her career in drug discovery and development. She successfully developed new approaches to translational medicine, including innovative models of partnership between industry and academia. Pivoting towards global health, Pauline formed the GSK Maternal and Neonatal Health R&D Unit, which included programmes in neonatal sepsis and post-partum haemorrhage, and activities within the GSK-Save the Children Partnership. As Head of Global Health R&D, she led a multi-national team developing new medicines for malaria, TB and other neglected diseases. She also founded the GSK Non-Communicable Diseases Open Lab supporting African researchers to understand and address the rising burden of NCDs in local populations.
- Pauline is a Fellow of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and a Council Member of the UK Medical Research Council. She was awarded a CBE for services to medical research and development in the 2021 Queen's New Year Honour.

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