8 years on – Quality improvements in the recognition and treatment of sepsis in the Maternity Unit, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda



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#### IN CONFIDENCE

#### **REPORT**

into circumstances pertaining to the death of Mrs. Tania McCabe and her infant son Zach at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda on Friday 9th March, 2007.

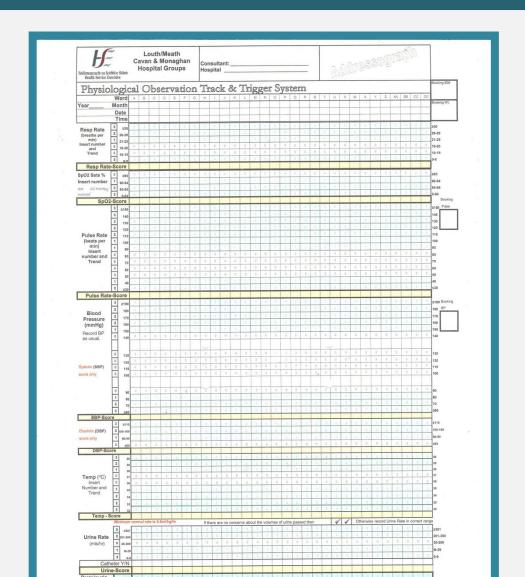
#### **EXECUTIVE SUMARY**

#### 1.11 Key Findings

The Review Team concluded that Tania died from sepsis with haemorrhage as a complicating fact. Zach has severe congenital abnormalities, consistent with otocephaly, a rare and potentially fatal condition not always readily diagnosable antenatally. Zach's death was an inevitable consequence of his congenital abnormalities.

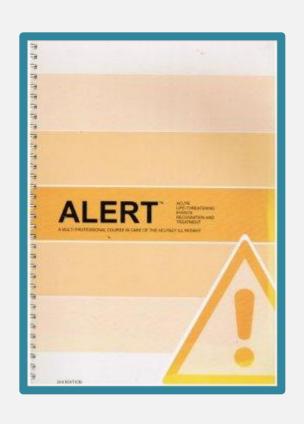
## Physiological Observation Track & Trigger System

(2009)



# **ALERT™** (**A**cute **L**ife Threatening **E**vents **R**ecognition **and T**reatment) Programme

(2009)



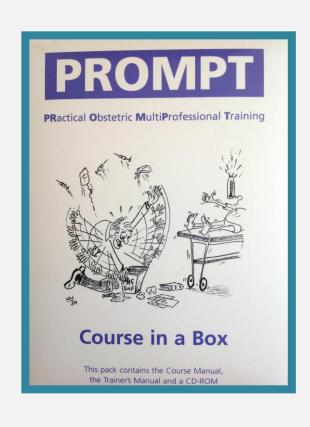
- Multi-professional
- Patient deterioration

Maternity scenarios

### **PROMPT**

### Practical Obstetric Multi Professional Training

(2009)





- Train the trainer programme
- Multi professional team training
- Locally adapted

## **Emergency Skills & Drills**

(2010)



- Multi-professional
- Simulated emergencies
- Team work
- Communication

## **Saving Mothers Lives - CMACE**

#### Genital tract sepsis: key message

Be aware of sepsis-beware of sepsis

| Cause of death                 | 2000-02 |      |           | 2003–05 |      |           | 2006-08 |      |          |
|--------------------------------|---------|------|-----------|---------|------|-----------|---------|------|----------|
|                                | n       | Rate | 95% CI    | n       | Rate | 95% CI    | n       | Rate | 95% CI   |
| Direct deaths                  |         |      |           |         |      |           |         |      |          |
| Sepsis*                        | 13      | 0.65 | 0.38-1.12 | 18      | 0.85 | 0.54-1.35 | 26      | 1.13 | 0.77-1.6 |
| Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia    | 14      | 0.70 | 0.42-1.18 | 18      | 0.85 | 0.54-1.35 | 19      | 0.83 | 0.53-1.3 |
| Thrombosis and thromboembolism | 30      | 1.50 | 1.05-2.15 | 41      | 1.94 | 1.43-2.63 | 18      | 0.79 | 0.49-1.2 |
| Amniotic fluid embolism        | 5       | 0.25 | 0.10-0.60 | 17      | 0.80 | 0.50-1.29 | 13      | 0.57 | 0.33-0.9 |
| Early pregnancy deaths         | 15      | 0.75 | 0.45-1.25 | 14      | 0.66 | 0.39-1.12 | 11      | 0.48 | 0.27-0.8 |
| Ectopic                        | 11      | 0.55 | 0.30-0.99 | 10      | 0.47 | 0.25-0.88 | 6       | 0.26 | 0.12-0.5 |
| Spontaneous miscarriage        | 1       | 0.05 | 0.01-0.36 | 1       | 0.05 | 0.01-0.34 | 5       | 0.22 | 0.09-0.5 |
| Legal termination              | 3       | 0.15 | 0.05-0.47 | 2       | 0.09 | 0.02-0.38 | 0       | 0.00 |          |
| Other                          | 0       | 0.00 |           | 1       | 0.05 | 0.01-0.34 | 0       | 0.00 |          |
| Haemorrhage                    | 17      | 0.85 | 0.53-1.37 | 14      | 0.66 | 0.39-1.12 | 9       | 0.39 | 0.20-0.7 |
| Anaesthesia                    | 6       | 0.30 | 0.13-0.67 | 6       | 0.28 | 0.13-0.63 | 7       | 0.31 | 0.15-0.6 |
| Other <i>Direct</i>            | 8       | 0.40 | 0.20-0.80 | 4       | 0.19 | 0.07-0.50 | 4       | 0.17 | 0.07-0.4 |
| Genital tract trauma           | 1       | 0.05 | 0.01-0.36 | 3       | 0.14 | 0.05-0.44 | 0       | 0.00 |          |
| Fatty liver                    | 3       | 0.15 | 0.05-0.47 | 1       | 0.05 | 0.01-0.34 | 3       | 0.13 | 0.04-0.4 |
| Other causes                   | 4       | 0.20 | 0.08-0.53 | 0       | 0.00 |           | 1       | 0.04 | 0.01-0.3 |
| All Direct                     | 106     | 5.31 | 4.39-6.42 | 132     | 6.24 | 5.26-7.41 | 107     | 4.67 | 3.86-5.  |



- Educational campaign
- Incorporated sepsis into PROMPT
- COMPASS programme

## **World Sepsis Day**

(2012)







- Department of Nursing & Midwifery
- Certificate in the
   assessment of the acutely
   ill woman in maternity
   services

# ISBAR - Identify, Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendations

(2013)

INITIATE
March 2014

Development of ISBAR sticker

PLAN
March/April 2014

- Staff training
- Consultation
- Pilot & feedback
- Final version

IMPLEMENT April 2014

- Development of standing operating procedure (SOP)
- Implementation of final draft

Audit July 2014

· Audit and feedback to staff

### **Local Practice Guideline**

(2014)

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF SEPSIS IN PREGNANCY, LABOUR & PUERPERIUM



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- Pathways
- Sepsis screening kits on emergency trolleys



- Pilot site for national sepsis screening tool
- Ongoing sepsis education sessions
- Continue to combat sepsis together

# Thank You



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