

Date and Time: 7th of February 2017 19:00- 20:00

Subject: Maternal Critical Care

This chat will be moderated by: Karin Gerber (BACCN Board) on behalf of @BACCNUK using #MatCC

Following on from a very successful 4th Twitter Chat I'm very excited about our next topic: Maternal Critical Care. As a trained midwife this is a subject that's close to my heart and something that's been increasingly under the spotlight following "Providing equity of critical and maternity care for the critically pregnant or recently pregnant women" in 2011. As Critical Care Outreach we're often faced with a deteriorating obstetric patient either in ED and or on delivery suite, and in ICU we are frequently required to care for this group of patients post emergency surgery.

Being in Critical Care is nearly always unexpected and are often fraught with extreme fear and & stress for both the patient and her family. They often experience frustration, disempowerment and shock (following the immediate emergency) with potentially long-term psychological and physical problems. But caring for the maternal critical care patient also poses a distinct challenge for critical care nurses who are faced with issues such as facilitating breastfeeding and or the issues evolving access / visiting between mother and baby.

I would like to ask:

- 1) Do you find the normal physiological changes that happen during pregnancy challenging when managing either a L2 and / or L3 obstetric critical care patient?
- 2) What is your hospital's policy with regards to mom's access to the baby, especially if the baby is being nursed in "special care"?

Reading List:

- 1) <https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/system/files/CSQ-ProvEqMatCritCare.pdf>
- 2) <http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/5/4/e006676.full>
- 3) <http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/bmjopen/5/4/e006676.full.pdf>