

***Antenatal consent for vaginal birth:
Implications of Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board***

will be presented by Dr Amber Moore MB BS, FRANZCOG, LLB (Hons), LLM

**A General Meeting of the Society will be held on Friday 17th November 2017
Kelvin Club, 14-30 Melbourne Place, Melbourne.
Drinks served 6.30 pm, Presentation 7.00 pm, followed by Dinner
Dress: Lounge Suit**

Current obstetric information guidelines and childbirth education models deny women true birth choice. Failure of duty to warn in obstetric negligence case law has focussed to warn of the risks of obstetric interventions. There is no case law on failure of duty to warn of the risks of vaginal birth. The health system is complicit in denying full disclosure of birth risks. Pregnant women are no longer a homogenous group for which vaginal birth is always appropriate. IVF and other forms of assisted reproductive technology have changed the demographics of the pregnant population. Internet and social media have increased the health awareness of women but often present a biased source of information. Is it time the medical and midwifery approach to antenatal education and information provision reflected these changing conditions to allow women to make a more informed birth choice for themselves?

Dr Moore has practiced obstetrics and gynaecology for more than 20 years. During her obstetric training she commenced a Bachelor of Laws at University of Melbourne, which she completed soon after being awarded her Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG). Since 2001 she has worked in the private health system, practising general obstetrics and gynaecology. She is also a visiting Consultant Gynaecologist at the Royal Women's Hospital. She has served on the National Council of RANZCOG from 2011-2015 and been on several committees for RANZCOG and the AMA. In July 2017 she completed a Master of Laws at University of Melbourne.

Members may bring guests who need not be legal or medical practitioners.

Acceptances close Monday 13th November.

No acceptances or refunds will be available after this date.

Members and their guests are reminded of the dress requirements. Mobile telephones may not be used inside Kelvin Club. Urgent calls may be made to the Club (9654 5711) and a message will be conveyed by Club staff.

The Committee reminds Members that the Dining Room is to be vacated by 11.00 pm.

Host Member: Mr Ian Rose

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