

Key points from Training Task Force meeting January 4, 2007

- **Addition of timing of cord clamping to POPPHI curriculum:** All agreed that with International Confederation of Midwives/International Confederation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (ICM/FIGO) support in their new statement: Prevention and Treatment of Postpartum Haemorrhage: New Advances for Low Resource Settings and with World Health Organization (WHO) also supporting delayed cord clamping, it would be appropriate for the curriculum to also incorporate it. The present active management of the third stage of labor (AMTSL) checklist states: “Clamp and cut the cord approximately 3 minutes after baby’s birth.”
- Concern was expressed about how the pieces of AMTSL and delayed cord clamping would fit together.
 - It was decided that with the AMTSL training that will take place in Pakistan, it would be appropriate to examine this issue more closely. A tool will be developed that will be used to time and track the various components of AMTSL with actual deliveries. One person will be assigned to monitor the steps and the timing. It was also suggested that we try different positions if possible (sitting up versus squatting) and compare the process of integrating AMTSL with delayed cord clamping and newborn care.
 - Also will write to Judy Mercer, who is a midwife and researcher on delayed cord clamping and ask for her recommendations on the AMTSL checklist and integration of delayed cord clamping.
- **Issue of direct IV 5 IU of oxytocin for AMTSL:** It was agreed that the main body of the curriculum will contain the recommendation of: Give oxytocin 10 IU IM as this is the world standard. However, there will be a note added at the bottom of the chart to state: If the woman has an IV running, an option may be to give her 5 IU IV slowly. More research must be done to confirm this is a best practice. This is consistent with the WHO Essential Medicines for Reproductive Health (2006).
- **Update on POPPHI activities in Pakistan and testing of curriculum:** POPPHI will conduct AMTSL training activities in three provinces of Pakistan. The activity will happen between January 11 and February 3, 2007. During those trainings, the POPPHI participant curriculum will be pretested and close observations will be done regarding the AMTSL skill checklist.
- **Review preparation of toolkit:** POPPHI is preparing a revision of the Postpartum Hemorrhage Prevention Toolkit. The training task force had formulated recommendations for changes in the toolkit. Those recommendations were used to develop an outline for the new toolkit, which was distributed before the meeting. The following recommendations were made:
 - Incorporate oxytocin in Uniject™ (Uniject is a trademark of BD) into the evidence section.
 - Under implementation strategies, it would be helpful to clarify what skills are appropriate for what level of provider.
 - Incorporate case studies into both advocacy and implementation strategy sections.
 - Patricia will check if JHPIEGO can help put together a case study (ie. Misoprostol in Indonesia).
 - Sara will check on any appropriate case studies focused on AMTSL

- **Timing for review of the draft AMTSL trainers manual:** Frances Ganges has completed a first draft of the POPPHI AMTSL trainer's manual. We will send it out to be reviewed by the training task force within the next two weeks. Responses from training task force members will be requested in three weeks from having received it.
- **Timing for review of the draft toolkit:** Presently, the POPPHI toolkit is supposed to be completed in March 2007. We will advise training task force members as time draws near on when to expect it for review.
- **External Review of POPPHI's AMTSL Participants Manual:** Frances Ganges had shared a list of possible external reviewers for the manual. She had recommended including not only US-based experts but also expert clinicians throughout the world. She sent an initial list.
 - Sara, Patricia and Hadi will also send other names and their contact information of potential reviewers.
 - Patricia recommended that we send a note to external reviewers in advance so they know the draft manual will be coming.
 - Training task force member will also receive a copy of the manual that is being reviewed.
- Additional training task force meetings will be needed related to the AMTSL Training Manual and related to the Toolkit.