**Abstract Submission – 1.5 hours oral session**

**Title**

Bubs in the bush

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**Background**

Antenatal, intrapartum and postpartum care is a core skill for all GPs. Some patients choose to have their GP closely involved in their pregnancy care because of their long-established relationship or, especially in rural areas, due to convenient access.(1) This session is applicable to all GPs involved in collaborative obstetrics care.

**Aims**

This session will provide rural GPs and GP obstetricians the opportunity to improve knowledge in antenatal - pre-eclampsia, routine care, intrapartum – forceps, ventouse and caesarean, analgesics and alternatives, and postpartum – PPH and a practical session on perineal trauma and repair.

**Method**

This workshop will include both didactic and interactive elements. Participants will share best practice with case-based discussions and a practical session on perineal trauma and repair provides an opportunity to improve skills.

**Results**

All GPs will improve knowledge and confidence in all areas of pregnancy, from antenatal to intrapartum and postpartum.

**Conclusion**

Increasing a GP’s knowledge and confidence in all areas of pregnancy will improve the outcomes of those receiving obstetric and pregnancy care in rural and remotes communities in Australia, and allow them to have their care managed as close to home and as safely as possible.

**References**

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