

Announcing the first clinical forum specifically developed for the primary care team covering women's health



Primary Care Women's Health Forum

The Primary Care Women's Health Forum (PCWHF) is being launched to specifically address the needs of healthcare professionals caring for millions of women in primary care in the UK today.

The Forum will continually promote the highest standards of care through educational programmes specifically tailored to the needs of the clinical team including GPs, GPwSI's and practice nurses as well as other healthcare professionals.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: A 10 YEAR COMMITMENT

AIMS

The PCWHF will have succeeded in 2018 if it ...

1. has attracted a membership from the critical mass of the multi-disciplinary team for those interested in promoting and progressing women's health issues
2. is widely recognised and acknowledged as a credible body to be consulted with in regard to women's health issues
- c. critical incident (de)briefings
- d. accreditation and appraisal
- e. knowledge management through the use of information and resources

OBJECTIVES

For its members the PCWHF will provide ...

1. a focus for all interested practitioners within the multi-disciplinary team on women's health issues
2. continuous sharing of best practice in relation to national, regional and local developments in women's health issues
3. an opportunity for peer support and exchange of views through:
 - a. its journal, the *Primary Care Women's Health Journal*
 - b. its website, www.primarycarewomenshealthforum.org
 - c. national, regional and local educational events
4. an opportunity to support and develop evidence-based practice through:
 - a. pathway development
 - b. clinical guideline development
 - c. continuous quality improvement including research, clinical audit and governance, PDSA cycles etc
5. an opportunity for reflection and professional development through:
 - a. benchmarking
 - b. case reviews

For patients the PCWHF will specifically ensure ...

1. women are able to make informed choices about where they access care for women's health issues
2. women are informed about the full range of management options and clinical interventions available to them
3. the views of women are sought and listened to, to ensure they influence future models of care

For strategic and policy development the PCWHF will specifically ...

1. promote the highest standards of provision of appropriate women's health care in primary care settings whilst continuously striving for improved quality and performance
2. act as a lobby group for its members in influencing the Department of Health and others in determining future strategic direction and policy making in relation to women's health
3. act as advisors to Commissioners and Practice-Based Commissioners on the suitability of commissioning models of care for women's health issues
4. act as clinical and managerial cohort of expertise which can be called upon for advice across the spectrum of women's health

ESTABLISHING THE FORUM

The Forum is being initiated by a working group of individuals representing various elements of the primary care team.

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A properly constituted group of officers will be elected at the Forum's first Annual General Meeting which is provisionally planned for late 2009.

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

Membership is open to all healthcare professionals with a special interest in women's health in primary care.

Membership will be free of charge and all members will receive our official journal – *Primary Care Women's Health Journal* – which will be published quarterly from April 2009.

***To register all you have
to do is visit***

***www.primarycarewomenshealthforum.org
and complete the online registration form***



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