
Rwanda Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in partnership with Ministry of Health/Rwanda Biomedical Center, organize the 4th annual scientific conference

“Adequate Obstetric Care to Improve Neonatal Outcome”

Umubano Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda, Sept 29th-30th, 2016

Conference concept note

Context and rationale

The Rwanda Society of Obstetrician and Gynecologist (RSOG) is leaving its fifth year of existence and has been academically and clinically very active since it started. Its mandate is to continually improve knowledge and performance of obstetricians and gynecologists and other health professionals invested in maternal, new born and reproductive health.

Among other activities, RSOG is dedicated to conduct research activities for publications, with a view to guide policy makers from evidence-based findings.

The world has reached a turning point for women and children’s health. We can now celebrate the fact that maternal, neonatal and child mortality rates are at their lowest levels in history.

Rwanda has made dramatic progress in improving both child and maternal survival through various innovative and evidence based reforms initiated by the Rwanda Ministry of Health and national and international partners; RSOG included. Rwanda has also made significant progress and was among countries, which successfully attained the MDGs 4 and 5 by the end of the year 2015.

Despite all the success stories achieved by Rwanda to improve maternal and child health, some challenges are still noticeable and still more efforts are required to eradicate all preventable maternal and child death. In 2009, Rwanda has introduced pneumococcal vaccine in routine vaccination programs and that has reduced the rate of under five mortality where pneumonia was one of the main cause of death. Globally about 45% of under five death occur in the first month of life according to the WHO statistics in 2015 and that looks also the trend Rwanda where various neonatal complications including Infections, prematurity and birth asphyxia contribute highly to child mortality. With the theme of our conference ***“Adequate Obstetric Care to Improve Neonatal Outcome”***, as Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; It is of paramount importance to discuss, share and put in practice various obstetrical interventions which emphasize on a continuum of care aiming at a healthy pregnancy, safe delivery and a normal baby that will grow up well mainly by reducing neonatal mortality and morbidity.

Activities to be conducted

The RSOG's fourth scientific conference and workshop has the following agenda:

1. A pre-conference workshop, where around 50 obstetricians and gynecologists and residents in Gynecology and Obstetrics will be trained in office obstetric ultrasound, colposcopy and family planning will be held on 28th Sept 2016.
2. The second activity is a day and half of scientific conference where various selected papers will be presented by National and International presenters either individuals, NGOs, institutions or companies with reference to the theme and objectives of the conferences. Posters will also be accepted during the conferences.
3. The last activity on day three will be the RSOG general assembly, where members will discuss on next coming years activities and implementation planning with districts professionals.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

General objective:

The overall objective of this scientific conference is to open a platform that will discuss and exchange obstetrical interventions with proven efficacy and improve neonatal survival without compromising maternal well being and to enhance knowledge and skills of conference participants to improve women's and child's health in general.

Specific Objectives

1. Reinforce knowledge, skills and attitudes in conducting colposcopy, obstetric ultrasound and family planning with expert coaching.
2. To exchange evidence based interventions with proven benefits to reducing maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality at National and International level.
3. To enhance the knowledge and skills of participants through existing and new technologies on maternal and reproductive health care in general with oral and post presentations by experts.
4. Raise professionals' awareness on improving maternal, new born and child health in Rwanda
5. Identify the next steps that stakeholders such as policy-makers, donors etc. could take to accelerate international efforts to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality through the use of innovations and IT support.

Expected results

At the end of this scientific conference participants will have:

- Gained knowledge and skills on basic office colposcopy, obstetric ultrasound, and various family planning options.
- Increased their awareness on various obstetrical interventions which can increase the number of newborn babies' lives we can save.
- Learned from different strategies to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality which have worked countrywide or internationally.
- Acquired and upgraded their knowledge towards maternal and reproductive health care.

Participants

- The fourth scientific conference will be a meeting point for Obstetrician and Gynecologist, representatives of governments, civil organizations, and academic institutions with a total of 120-150 participants.

Organization

- The conference is RSOG initiative, organized by the Society with the support of Ministry of Health/ Rwanda Biomedical Center and health partners.

Day and Date

- The conference will be held in Kigali, Umubano Hotel from 29th to 30th September 2016.

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