

PERINATAL EMERGENCY EDUCATION STRATEGY

Summary: **The SA health Policy Directive: *Perinatal Emergency Education Strategy (PEES)*** has been revised and includes a range of mandatory competencies, a *Fetal Surveillance Practice Review* governance structure and assessment tool as well as risk assessment and risk mitigation strategies where individual sites, units or LHNs are not meeting the Policy requirements.

INFORMATION RE REVISED Policy Directive: *Perinatal Emergency Education Strategy (PEES)*

You would be aware SA Health Safety and Quality Unit introduced the PEES in 2015 aiming to reduce the number of critical incidents associated with electronic fetal surveillance, maternal and neonatal resuscitation and the management of the deteriorating perinatal woman and/or neonate. The PEES provides SA Health sites with a clear perinatal education governance framework, determining the education requirements for the distinct perinatal health care professional groups including frequency, assessment and monitoring of compliance.

The revised PEES Policy Directive has recently been endorsed by SA Health and continues to provide SA Health practitioners with specific perinatal education governance, determining the education requirements for the distinct perinatal health care professional groups, including General Practitioners providing maternity services in public hospitals.

The major changes included in the revision are:

- The addition of a *Fetal Surveillance Practice Review* governance structure and assessment tool to assess competence in fetal surveillance by clinicians experiencing difficulty attaining the required Practitioner Level in the assessment component of the Fetal Surveillance Education Program Study Day.
- The reporting of risk assessment and risk mitigation strategies where individual sites, units or LHNs are not meeting the Policy requirements to the Executive Director SA Health Quality, Information & Performance to inform any potential discussion with the South Australian Insurance Corporation regarding indemnification of specific sites.
- Updated information for the Newborn Advanced Life Support program with the development of the online component
- The expectation that metropolitan sites will support their neonatal education staff to facilitate NALS training in local CHSA sites. It is anticipated that this will represent six (6) sessions per year.

The PEES can be found at:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/perinatal and <https://extapps.health.sa.gov.au/PracticeGuidelines>