



Royal College of
Obstetricians &
Gynaecologists

International Women's Day – We need to talk about Race

Friday 6 March 2020

Programme

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- 9.30am REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
- 10.00am **Welcome**
Miss Raneer Thakar, Vice President for Global Health
- 10.15am **Outline of RCOG position statement**
Mr Eddie Morris, President, RCOG
- 10.30am **Keynote lecture**
Providers of care champions for equality
Miss Christine Ekechi, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, Women's Health Advocate & Speaker, RCOG Women's Network Clinical Champion, Medical Ambassador, The Eve Appeal
- 10.50am **BAME women are more likely to die during pregnancy: We know the statistics, what can be done about it?**
Chair, Dr Corinne Love, Scottish Government Senior Medical Officer
- Panelists**
Ms Gill Walton, Chief Executive, Royal College of Midwives
Professor Jenny Kurinczuk, Professor of Perinatal Epidemiology; Director of the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit NPEU
Dr Ria Clarke Trainee, Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Instagram influencer @thedoctormummy
Ms Candice Brathwaite, 'Mummy Blogger', Influencer and Founder of Make Motherhood Diverse @candicebrathwaite
Dr Gubby Ayida, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London

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- 11.50am **Q&A**
- 12.00pm **Staged reading of excerpts from Utopia theatre's new play, "how far part" which explores black women's experiences of pregnancy and childbirth**
Written by acclaimed Playwright Jennifer Farmer
- 12.20pm LUNCH (Sandwich lunch)
- 1.20pm **Gender, Race and Power**
Ms Angela Saini, British Science Journalist; Broadcaster; Author of Superior: The Return of Race Science and Inferior: How Science Got Women Wrong
- 1.40pm **Do ethnic disparities in women's health outcomes exist in gynaecology too?**
Chair, Dr Daghni Rajasingam, Consultant Obstetrician; Deputy Medical Director, Guys and St Thomas' NHS Trust
- Panelists**
Dr Anne Connolly, Past FSRH Vice President of Membership, GPSI Gynaecology, Bradford, Chair of PCWHF, RCGP Women's Health Champion
Dr Annabel Sowemimo, Sexual and Reproductive Health Doctor; Writer; Founder of Decolonizing Contraception
Dr Jenny Douglas, Senior Lecturer in Health Promotion, Faculty of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies School of Health, Wellbeing and Social Care at The Open University
Dr Tanveer Dhanoya, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Trainee
Ms Ayshah Tull, Presenter and journalist at Channel 4 news
- 2.40pm **Q&A**
- 2.50pm **Remarks on the day**
Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent OBE, England's first Chief Midwifery Officer; Professor of Midwifery at King's College London and London South Bank University
- 3.00pm **Closing remarks**
Ms Raneer Thakar
How will the RCOG implement actions from the day and the women's network workshop into their portfolios?
Final remarks from Women's Network representative
- 3.20pm CLOSE

