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

Friday 6 March 2020

Programme

9.30am  REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

10.00am  Welcome
Miss Ranee Thakar, Vice President for Global Health

10.15am  Outline of RCOG position statement
Mr Eddie Morris, President, RCOG

Keynote lecture

10.30am  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 Ranee 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