



The **IMPACT (Interdisciplinary Maternal Perinatal Australasian Clinical Trials) NETWORK**, within the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand, is dedicated to the improvement of maternal and perinatal health by the promotion of appropriately designed randomised controlled trials (RCTs), and dissemination and application of their results.

## **UPCOMING IMPACT WORKSHOPS**

### **THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2006, SYDNEY**

This workshop will focus on the **implementing evidence into practice** through use of decision-aids and guidelines.

**Date:** Thursday 23 November 2006, 1330 hrs to 1700 hrs

**Venue:** Norman Gregg Lecture theatre, Sydney University

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### **SATURDAY 31 MARCH AND SUNDAY 1 APRIL 2007, MELBOURNE**

**Workshop, Satellite Meeting of the PSANZ Congress**



**WOMBAT**

**Saturday 31 March 2007, 1300 hrs to 1700 hrs**  
**Recruitment in Clinical Trials**

**Joint session of IMPACT and WOMBAT** (WOMen and Babies Wellbeing: Action through Trials).

#### **Objectives of the session:**

1. To provide up-to-date assessment of literature on recruitment to perinatal trials and identify gaps in the evidence base.
2. To identify issues relevant to estimating accrual rates to perinatal trials and identify ways to improve this process.
3. Use the experience of participants to discuss barriers to recruitment and develop solutions for use in trials.

**Sunday 1 April 2007, 0900 hrs to 1300 hrs**  
**Presentations of Plans and Challenges in Perinatal Trials**

Trial investigators are invited to present their ideas for trials they are planning and challenges they have encountered, for discussion and input by workshop participants.

**Call for Abstracts.** PSANZ members are invited to submit abstracts for an oral or poster presentation. **Abstract submission deadline is 1 February 2007.**

**Registration:** To register, submit an abstract or to find out more details please go to the IMPACT Network website: <http://www.psanzipact.org>

**Sunday 1 April 2007, 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs**  
**Cochrane Work-In**

Open to Cochrane review authors who would like assistance with their protocol, review or update.

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## **ACTIVITY UPDATE**

### **IMPACT MEMBERSHIP 2006/2007**

All PSANZ members are welcome to join the IMPACT Network. As at September 2006 there are 335 members on the IMPACT membership list. **All members please ensure that your PSANZ membership subscription is current. Thank you.**

### **IMPACT COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2006/2007**

Obstetrics – Jonathan Morris (Chair)  
Midwifery – Helen McLachlan  
Neonatal Nursing – Carmel Collins  
Basic Science – Roger Smith  
Neonatology- Carl Kuschell  
Consumer – Dell Horey  
Other Perinatal - Philippa Middleton  
Communications Officer - Vicki Flenady  
Caroline Crowther - representing the WOMBAT Collaboration

### **NOMINATIONS FOR IMPACT COMMITTEE**

**Nominations for the IMPACT Committee are currently sought for the positions of:**  
Basic Science, Neonatology, Other Perinatal, Neonatal Nursing, Communications Officer  
Elections will be held at the AGM. Please contact Jonathan Morris with nominations.

**The IMPACT Annual General Meeting will be held during the 2007 IMPACT workshop  
ALL WELCOME**

New Committee appointments will be made during the AGM.

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### **APRIL 2006 IMPACT WORKSHOP, PERTH SATELLITE MEETING OF THE PSANZ CONGRESS**

This meeting was well attended. The main workshop themes were:

**An introduction to the WOMBAT Collaboration**, its objectives, its place in the perinatal research environment, research gaps, practice gaps for the WOMBAT Collaboration (Caroline Crowther, Philippa Middleton, David Henderson-Smart and others).

**Perinatal Clinical Trials in the Planning Stages:** Investigators presented their planned trials for discussion.

### **COCHRANE WORK-IN APRIL 2006**

IMPACT sponsored a Cochrane Work-In which was held on the Monday, 3 April 2006. The Work-In provided Cochrane review authors with an opportunity to work on protocols and/or reviews with the support of experienced review authors and editors.

### **REGISTRATION OF PERINATAL TRIALS**

The Australian Clinical Trials Registry (ACTR) has been established at the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre as a National Register for clinical trials involving Australian researchers or Australian participants. Registration is free. An ACTR trial registration number will be accepted by those journals requiring that a trial must have been registered before it is published.

Most trials previously registered in the Perinatal Trials Registry PTR are being registered on the ACTR. Once this is complete the PTR will be disbanded. The WOMBAT Collaboration is not duplicating the work of ACTR but you can find a summary of recent perinatal trials on the WOMBAT website ([www.wombatcollaboration.net](http://www.wombatcollaboration.net)).

For further information on ACTR go to: [www.actr.org.au](http://www.actr.org.au) or email: [info@actr.org.au](mailto:info@actr.org.au).

## **IMPACT WEBSITE**

IMPACT Network website has been updated. Please go to <http://www.psanzipact.org> to access the website – feedback welcome. From 2007 onwards the website will include abstracts and presentations from IMPACT workshops.

## **IMPACT DISSEMINATING THE EVIDENCE**

IMPACT is setting up a working group to explore ways to facilitate the use of evidence in practice through making decision-aids and clinical practice guidelines more accessible on the IMPACT website. Those interested in participating please contact Jonathan Morris.

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