



Reminders

- **PERS Obstetricians:** Please provide Kate with your most up to date contact details for both 0700-1900 and 1900-0700 on call shifts.
Email Kate at kate.freeman@rwh.org.au
- Dr Jacqui Smith will be back from leave on Tuesday April 17th

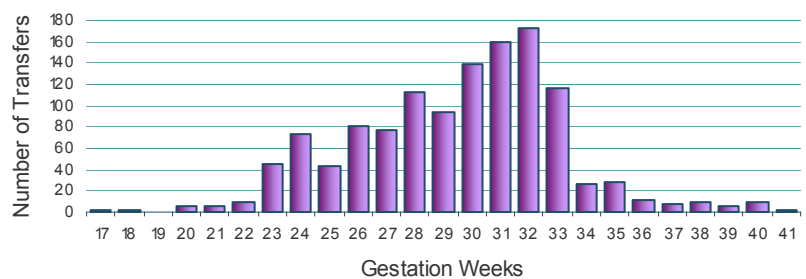
THIS ISSUE:

- PERS presentation at PSANZ
- Update on Time Critical Process
- fFN Update
- PERS Green Office

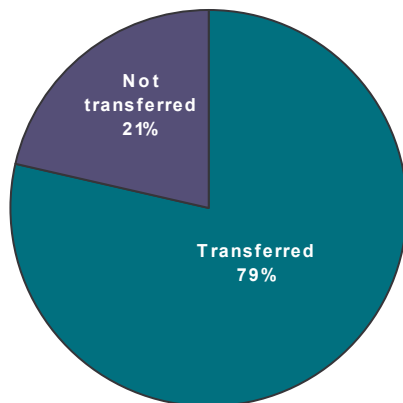
PERS presentation at PSANZ

The Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ) hosted a conference in Melbourne this week. Julie Collette presented on the contribution that PERS has made to maternity services and she outlined the experiences of our first year. Julie presented data accumulated up until the end of February 2007, this is represented here in Graphs 1, 2 and 3. Monthly PERS data will form a regular part of the PERS Newsletter.

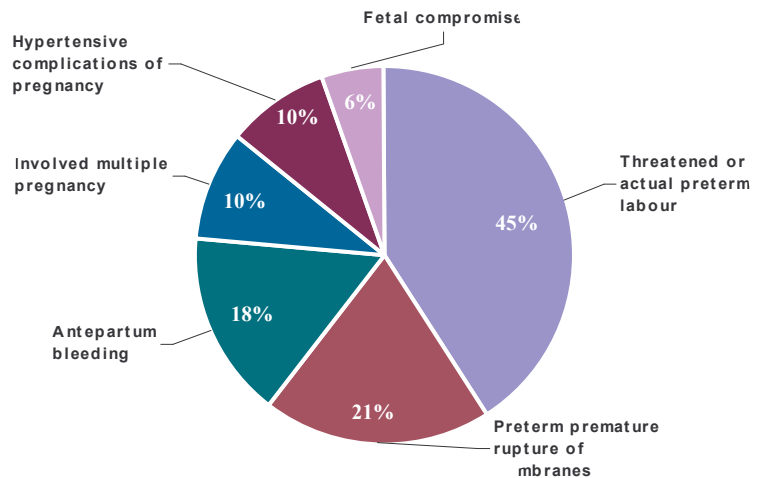
Graph 1: Breakdown of PERS Calls by Gestation 28/11/05 - 28/2/07



Graph 2: Transfer Outcomes for all PERS calls (Total 1240 calls) 28/11/05 - 28/2/07



Graph 3: Major reasons for transfer of women 28/11/05 - 28/2/07



TIME CRITICAL UPDATE

Letters outlining the Time Critical Procedure have been sent out to Directors of NICU, Maternity and the CEOs of the level three hospitals. The PERS Coordinators and Consultants have also been informed of this process and the Coordinators are monitoring Time Critical incidents.

FETAL FIBRONECTIN UPDATE

PERS is continuing with the DHS funded state-wide implementation of fFN testing across Victoria. In the last week of March our packs were sent to the Nurse Unit Managers of all Level I and II hospitals in the state. Letters have also been sent to relevant medical staff and CEOs of these services as well as to the Directors of the 3Centres informing them of the implementation. A process for review has been established. For further information contact Clinical Coordinator Andrea Moore at andrea.moore@rwh.org.au

GREEN OFFICE UPDATE

PERS and NETS are implementing Green Office Procedures in our administration areas. We purchase environmentally responsible paper and have put measures into place to reduce paper usage; i.e. reusing one sided paper and setting our printers to default to double sided printing. We also recycle our aluminium, paper, plastics, glass and steel.