Abstract

The most recent publication of the Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths and reports by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) makes reference to the significance of maintaining competence in obstetric emergencies (CEMACH, 2007; RCOG 2007). The RCOG (2007) acknowledges the importance of team working and effective communication channels. Additionally, they expect that multi-professional development and training should take place in the form of regular skills and drills to maintain competence.

The workshop is delivered in the third year of the midwifery programme as part of the preparation for qualifying as a registered midwife and commencing qualified practice. Prior to the event the students have had uni-professional theoretical input and individual practice at the emergency skills in a clinical skills laboratory. Some students may have already had firsthand experience of the emergency scenario in practice with their mentor.

The workshop provides the opportunity to achieve the following interprofessional aims, skills and attitudes:

Interprofessional **aims**

- To provide the context for applying developing team working competences to practice
- Analyse and reflect on challenging real situations to consider solutions to improve care
- To develop an understanding of how individual professional competencies complement those of other professions
- To develop an understanding of team working in maternity care

Interprofessional **skills**

- To demonstrate effective communication with the woman, her partner and other members of the multi professional team
- Reflect on their own performance in relation to emergency obstetric situations as a key tool for professional practice

Interprofessional **attitudes**

- Demonstrate a positive approach to team working
- Valuing the contribution of the woman and significant others towards their own care