

It is recognised that pregnancy and labour are normal physiological events. However the recording, monitoring and communication of vital signs are an integral part of maternity care. Due to the altered physiology in pregnancy the early detection of severe illness in the antenatal or postnatal period remains a challenge for all involved.

The HSC Safety Forum in collaboration with Obstetric and Midwifery staff have developed a regionally agreed Obstetric Early Warning Score chart to provide a standardised approach to the documentation of observations and the appropriate escalation of concerns.

[Regional Obstetric Early Warning Score Chart.pdf](#)

[Guide to completion of OEWS.pdf](#)

[Regional Obstetric Early Warning Scoring Chart Oct 2013.ppt](#)

On Wednesday, 30 October, over 40 clinical staff attended a meeting Antrim to discuss Quality Improvement in maternity services, and they had the opportunity to hear from Professor Michael Robson and Ms Ann Rath, from the National Maternity Hospital in Dublin, on their insights into what constitutes high quality safe maternity care.

[Ann Rath -Diagnosis of Labour - Maternity QI LS1 30 October.ppt](#)

[M Robson - Antrim.ppt](#)

[SF - Maternity QI Learning Session One opening slides 30 October 2013.ppt](#)

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