Dear Presidents of the National Societies,

We are writing to invite your department to participate in a landmark full-day interactive workshop on the use and interpretation of maternity data, to be held as part of the AOFOG 2026 Congress, hosted by RANZCOG in **Sydney, Australia** from **12-15 October 2026.**

The Using Maternity Data to Understand and Improve Outcomes Workshop, taking place on **Monday 12 October,** will be facilitated by Keynote Speaker Dr Mike Robson (Ireland) and will bring together clinicians and maternity leaders from across Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, and the Asia-Oceania region to work with real-world maternity outcome data using the Robson Ten Group Classification System (TGCS) as a shared clinical framework. Building on the collaborative work presented at RANZCOG ASM 2024, the workshop will focus on how outcome data is collected, interpreted, and used meaningfully in clinical practice.

What this Workshop is (and is not)

This is *not* an exercise in ranking performance. It is a structured, facilitated forum to:

- Understand variation in outcomes
- Examine data quality and system constraints
- Reflect on local practice in context, and
- Strengthen the use of outcome data for learning and improvement

Incomplete or imperfect datasets are welcomed. In many cases, these generate the most valuable discussions about readiness, systems, and culture.

CPD CAPE (2026 Program-Level Requirement)

Participation in the workshop meets the 2026 CAPE CPD program-level requirement for:

- Ethical Practice
- Addressing Health Inequities

Data Submission

Submission of data is **optional**- Departments may also choose simply to register and attend.

Units wishing to submit data must do so in advance of the workshop:

- Data must represent at least 1,000 consecutive births
- Submissions must use the TGCS template slides provided after registration
- **Up to Twelve datasets** will be selected for interactive use during the workshop
- **Selected units will receive a $100 registration** discount in recognition of their contribution

Use of Data Post-Workshop

Participating units are advised that de-identified data used during the workshop **may contribute to a post-event journal article**, focused on implementation, interpretation, and shared learning across settings. Any such publication will be collaborative, transparent, and clinician led.

Why your Involvement Matters

Now that outcomes are increasingly visible, they cannot be unseen. There is a collective professional responsibility to reflect on what the data tells us and to do so together, constructively, and without blame.

This workshop is intended for obstetricians, midwives, clinical leaders, and others with responsibility for maternity outcomes, audit, and quality improvement. It will be equally relevant to units already using TGCS and to those earlier in their implementation journey.

Key Dates:

- **Data submission closes:** Monday 31 August
- **Notification of selected datasets:** Monday 14 September

Further details, including registration and submission processes, are available via the AOFOG Congress website. Queries regarding eligibility or submission can be directed to aofog@ranzcog.edu.au.

We strongly encourage you to consider participating- either by attending, submitting data, or supporting colleagues within your unit to do so.

Kind Regards,



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