



Propositional midwifery services UK Tutors Give a Boost to Midwifery Campaign

MOMS COURSE (HANDS-ON) 31st January and 1st February 2016



Workshop for Labour Ward Doctors and Nurses



Dr. Evita and Dr. Rajitha with the UK team of doctors and midwives

The PROMISE Midwifery Campaign initiated by the Fernandez Hospital Educational and Research Foundation picked up a lot of steam with the visit of ten doctors and midwives from the UK from 31st January to 5th February 2016. The team conducted a Multidisciplinary Obstetric Maternity Skills (MOMS) Course which included a hand-on Workshop for Labour Ward doctors and nurses.

The course, spread over three days at Fernandez Hospital, Hyderabad and two days at the Rural District Trust (RDT) Hospital at Ananthapur, was a collaborative effort by FH and ELLY – East London International Women's Health Appeal. The ELLY team comprised midwives and obstetricians from Bart's Health NHS Trust, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, UCLH and North Middlesex University. The team volunteered their personal time to train in India.

The course theme emphasized the role of teamwork and the need to remove barriers between doctors, nurses and midwives. The intensive programme also focused on obstetric emergencies and safety.

It also aimed at reducing the mortality and morbidity rates. The idea of disseminating this information was to ensure that the training percolated to the rural districts of India.

Part of the course, therefore, was to "Train the Trainers". The team identified potential trainers who would extend the training pattern to health care professionals involved in rural maternity services. The cascading effect would help impact and influence maternity care in government hospitals all over Telangana and adjoining states.

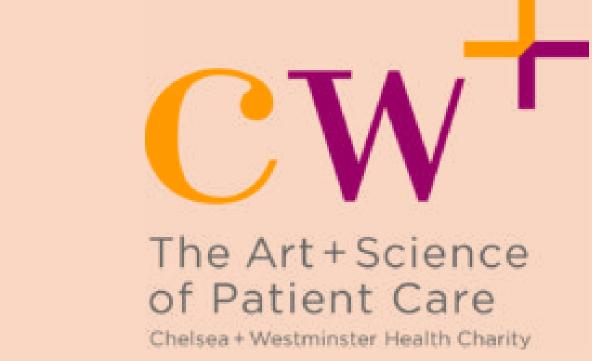
The UK team trained a total of 91 delegates from a mix of private, public (government), and mission-run hospitals in rural districts as well as various healthcare institutes involved with birthing. It was encouraging to see two delegates from Pune. The delegates showed a great eagerness to absorb the knowledge being imparted by the ELLY trainers. With the training received, delegates will learn to introduce in government maternity services, the early warning charts and identifying sick women before their condition deteriorates further.

It was a great privilege for Fernandez Hospital and RDT to have collaborated with the ELLY Project. The UK team hopes to return in the near future to conduct similar training programmes in other parts of India.



The UK ELLY team with the MOMS Course delegates





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