



Abortion Workshop

Monday, 12 October 2026 | Sydney, Australia

Workshop Time: 13.00 – 17.30 (Registration from 12.30 – 13.00)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants will:

- Understand the importance of medical and surgical abortion access for women and girls
 - Identify and manage complications associated with first- and second-trimester medical and surgical abortion, including care in very early and no-ultrasound medical abortion contexts.
 - Demonstrate practical understanding of manual vacuum aspiration techniques and apply clinical reasoning to complex abortion care scenarios through case-based discussion.
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ABSTRACT

This interactive workshop provides women's health practitioners with an evidence-based overview of contemporary abortion care across diverse clinical settings. Participants will explore global and Asia-Pacific abortion trends, including incidence, legislation, and access to care, with consideration of the social, legal, and health-system factors influencing service provision. The program includes a review of abortion methods across gestations, with a focus on practical management of first- and second-trimester medical abortion complications, no-ultrasound and very early medical abortion, and complications associated with surgical abortion.

Through case-based discussion and a hands-on manual vacuum aspiration workshop, participants will strengthen clinical knowledge, procedural understanding, and decision-making skills relevant to everyday practice. The workshop is designed to

support clinicians in delivering safe, patient-centred, and evidence-informed abortion care across a range of practice environments.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Trainees, Midwives, and other healthcare professionals involved in the care of termination of pregnancy

Participants will gain insight into integrating compassionate communication with clinical decision-making, while learning from regional leaders in Maternal–Fetal Medicine.

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Time	Program	Speaker
13.00-13.15	Welcome and opening of workshop: outline and content warning	Dr Catriona Melville
13.15-14.00	Global overview and Asia-pacific specific abortion information (incidence, legislation, access) Overview if types of abortion at different gestations (brief as will have done pre-reading)	Dr Martina Mende/ Dr Catriona Melville/Dr Anna Hudspith (TBC)
14.00-14.30	Overview and management of complications of 1 st trimester medical abortion	Dr Martina Mende
14.30-15.00	No ultrasound and very early medical abortion	Dr Catriona Melville
15.00-15.30	Afternoon Tea	
15.30-16.00	Overview and management of complications of 2 nd trimester medical abortion	Dr Anna Hudspith
16.00-16.45	Manual Vacuum Workshop	Dr Catriona Melville/Dr Martina Mende/Dr Anna Hudspith

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16.45-17.15	Surgical abortion complications, challenging/complex case discussion	Dr Anna Hudspith
17.15-17.30	Final comments and closing Feedback QR code	Dr Catriona Melville

Speakers and program are proposals and subject to change