



## Obstetric emergencies – essential skills for the occasional obstetric anaesthetist

### Target Audience

Advanced anaesthetic trainees  
Provisional fellows  
Consultant anaesthetists  
GP's with advanced specialist training (AST) in anaesthesia  
Experienced anaesthetic nurses/ technicians

### CPD

The course is a recognised emergency response activity in ANZCA's CPD program:-

- Cardiac Arrest
- Major Haemorrhage

The course also provides 16 CPD points (8 hours) in the "Knowledge & Skills/Short Courses" category

### Description

#### Aims

This course aims to update the participants' knowledge and skills in the management of obstetric anaesthetic emergencies while also developing general crisis management skills applicable to across all emergency situations. Skills specific to the delivery of safe obstetric anaesthesia will also be addressed.

#### Instructors

The course will be facilitated by a combination of experienced obstetric anaesthetists and instructors with expertise in simulation and crisis management.

#### Topics covered:-

1. Current evidence-based or best practice in obstetric anaesthesia
2. Management of critical events, such as:-
  - Difficult airway
  - High neuraxial block/total spinal
  - Maternal haemorrhage
  - Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia
  - Amniotic fluid embolus
  - Neonatal and maternal resuscitation
3. Human factors and the application of crisis management principles to prevent and manage these events

### Training Methods

(See our website: *Training/Before Training*)

- Immersive scenarios with reflective debriefing
- Hands-on Skills Workshops
- Pause & discuss scenarios
- Video and case-based learning exercises

### Maximum Participants

Maximum 12 participants.

### Course Duration

1 day course (0800 – 1700 hours)

### Course Dates 2026

21<sup>st</sup> May 8<sup>th</sup> October

### Cost

\$1650 (Incl. GST) per anaesthetist

\$800 (Incl. GST) per trainees

\$370 (Incl. GST) per anaesthetic nurse/technician

Payment for the course can be made by following the link provided below.

<https://paynswhealth.health.nsw.gov.au/other-payments?healthOrganisation=NSLHD&hospital=Royal%20North%20Shore%20Hospital&service=Course%20-%20Clinical%20Skills%20and%20Simulation%20Centre>

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