

Induced delivery - PRO ET CONTRA



Dr Morton with Visiting Clinicians from Serbia at MAV Hospital, Budapest



University of Nis Conference room was too small for all participants at Round table discussion

NIS, SERBIA – In December 2003, four Obstetricians from three Delivery Wards in South East Serbia spent two weeks at MAV Hospital – Budapest. Their visit was part of USAID/CHF activity under RH&FP earmark, realized by courtesy of Hungarian colleagues. Upon return, Obstetricians were obliged, by terms of signed agreement with donor, to organize knowledge transfer sessions and work on new protocols in their institutions. The idea was to bring together colleagues and share gained experience and knowledge. The doctors returned to Serbia impressed with what they experienced at Hungarian Delivery Ward: "... I would like to thank you for complete organization of the Visiting Clinician Program in MAV Hospital. Me, and my three colleagues, obstetricians, took part in every day Hospital activities and we are acquainted now with new delivery techniques. This way of education and cooperation is good for professional knowledge improvement and for making bridges between different cultures and people..." wrote dr. Aleksandra Andrić, from G&O Ward, Clinical Center Nis. Moreover, four of them decided to organize Round table discussion instead of presentations to colleagues from their Hospitals.

G&O Ward, Clinical Center Nis insisted upon organization of event, so on February 27, 2004 all celebrities of Serbian Gynecology and Obstetrics came to Nis. Largest Conference room at University of Nis was too small for doctors from Delivery Wards and Hospitals all over Serbia. There were 126 registered participants, but estimation is close to 150.

Directors of four largest Delivery Wards from Novi Sad, Belgrade and Nis presented their experience regarding topic '*Delivery induction justification - conceptual dilemma*'. There were several guests of honour as academician prof. dr Vojin Šulović, and prof. dr Tihomir Vejnović – president of G&O section of Serbian Doctors' Association, who said 'The fact that I am here for one day and that I am patiently waiting to be interviewed by numerous media representatives, illustrates my attitude towards importance of this event.' Dr Vejnovic was the one who provided contact with dr Morton Istvan, MAV Hospital head of Delivery Ward.

Among local journalists, there were representatives of Pcinja District media houses who attended USAID/CHF Workshop for local journalists on RH&FP issues. 'I am so interested in this topic. Our audience would also be!' said Danijela Stošić from Vladicin Han.

The discussions that were led among doctors on justification of induced delivery behind closed doors, were on the table. That was the first time Gynecologists and Obstetricians spoke freely about increase of number of deliveries corresponding to vacation start of obstetricians, or the end of shifts. 'We are at the turning point of reconceptualization of delivery and accompanied interventions' defined Head of Nis Delivery Ward, dr Matijašević.

Round table discussion conclusion was that each Ward should work on delivery protocols, taking into consideration all relevant factors defined and build these oriented more to clients.