



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES FEDERATION

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference London UK | 10-11 March 2018

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**



The 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference

**LEADING THE WAY:**  
Nurses and midwives for a safe, healthy and peaceful world

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 March 2018  
Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London, UK

» Register now...

For more information and to register online go to:  
[www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2018](http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2018)

. The CNMF is pleased to announce that registrations are now open for the 4<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference to be held in London 10-11 March 2018.

The conference has four key themes:

- Promoting health and wellbeing
- Alleviating illness and disease
- Promoting social harmony and cohesion
- Contributing to a safe environment

Excellent abstracts have been submitted by nurses and midwives from every region of the Commonwealth addressing the themes. The conference program is available on the conference website:

<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2018>

The conference is held at the historic Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park London on the eve of Commonwealth Week. Commonwealth Day is celebrated on Monday 13 March 2018. The conference is a wonderful opportunity for nurses and midwives across the Commonwealth and beyond to share their experience with and learn from each other; to make new friends; and to establish international networks.

Go to the CNMF website for more information and to register. Differential registration rates apply for high, middle, and low income countries.

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING London UK | Friday 9 March 2018

The CNMF 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Meeting of members will be held at the Royal College of Nursing, London UK on Friday 9 March 2018.

The Biennial Meeting is the decision making body of the CNMF where reports are received from the President, the Executive Secretary, and the Treasurer, decisions are made, and strategic directions are set for the coming two years.

All members are welcome to attend. If you have not received the agenda and the papers please contact: [jill@commonwealthnurses.org](mailto:jill@commonwealthnurses.org).



CNMF Biennial March 2016

## 23<sup>rd</sup> CNMF BIENNIAL 2018 AGENDA

- Reports from:
  - President
  - Executive Secretary
  - Treasurer, and
  - Regional Board Members
- Election of President and Vice President
- Constitutional changes
- Endorsement of position statements discussed at Biennial 2016:
  - Career structures for nurses and midwives
  - Nursing and midwifery work
  - Professional and industrial changes for nurses and midwives
- Policy discussions on:
  - the relationship between nursing and midwifery, and
  - the status of continuing professional development across the Commonwealth
- Regional planning 2018-2020

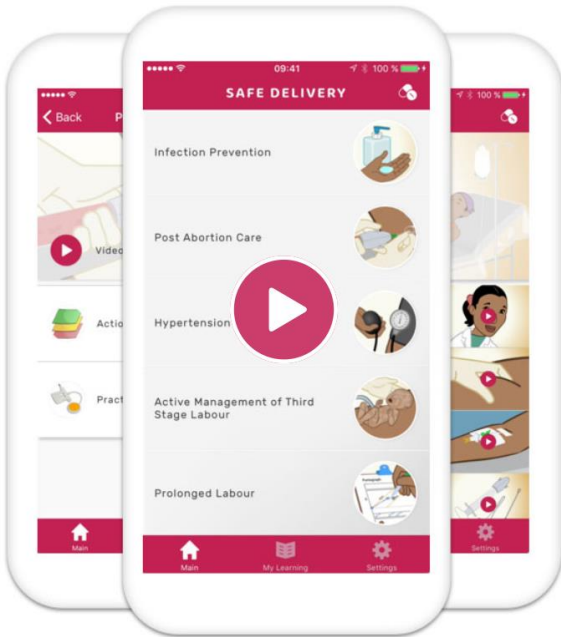


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## THE SAFE DELIVERY APP

Empowering skilled birth attendants to provide a safer birth for mothers and newborns everywhere



The Safe Delivery App is a smartphone application that provides skilled birth attendants with direct and instant access to evidence-based and up-to-date clinical guidelines on basic emergency obstetric and neonatal care.

More than 90% of maternal deaths are preventable with the presence of a skilled birth attendant during birthing. It is crucial that all births are attended by health professionals with a sufficient level of training.

The App was developed by the Maternity Foundation Copenhagen University, and the University of Southern Denmark

The App leverages the growing popularity and availability of mobile phones to provide life-saving information and guidance through easy to understand animated instruction videos, action cards and drug lists. It can serve as a training tool both in pre- and in-service training, and equips birth attendants, even in the most remote areas, with a powerful on the job reference tool.

The App can be downloaded free from:  
<http://www.maternity.dk/download/>

## MATERNAL HEALTH IN SIERRA LEONE



Thirty-four midwives attended a five-day intensive training program held on the 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 titled: *Making Pregnancy Safer*. The intensive training program was conducted by the Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation in partnership with the Sierra Leone Nurses' Association and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone; and was supported by funding from the Burdett Trust.



The five day program covered the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals, antenatal care, normal labour and birth, complications of pregnancy, postnatal care, care of the neonate, family planning, and caring for women with special needs. The program was a mix of pre- and post-test questionnaires, formal presentations, group work, self-reflection, group activities, practical exercises, and exposure to resources available to improve and enhance midwifery practice.

Ms Minnesha Yasmine, Education Consultant for the CNMF conducted the workshop, which was co-facilitated by Mrs Emma Movor Allieu, Nurse Educator at the National School of Midwifery, with Mr Senesie Margao, President of the Sierra Leone National Nurses' Association, providing vital logistical support.

