



The Royal College of Anaesthetists



*The Royal College of Obstetricians and
Gynaecologists*

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to be able to send you the attached report *Providing equity of critical and maternity care for the critically ill pregnant or recently pregnant woman*.

This review document is the result of a multidisciplinary collaboration commissioned by the Joint Standing Committee of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Anaesthetists. Both Colleges have recognized that Level 2 care for the sick parturient may be provided in the maternity suite or, alternatively, within a general critical care facility.

The purpose of this review has been to draw together best practice from both maternity and critical care areas to ensure that, wherever a new mother is cared for, her needs and that of her baby are optimized. It is hoped that you will find this a useful tool to assess your local provision of care for these patients and to provide support for future development where gaps are identified.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those that contributed to the working party and in particular to Dr Helen Scholefield who chaired the group.

Yours sincerely,

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