Abstracts of free papers presented to the Obstetric Anaesthetists’ Association annual meeting in Nottingham, UK on 9–10 May, 2002

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

**001 Can density influence the spread of intrathecal bupivacaine in the prolonged sitting position before elective caesarean section?**

V Sodhi, R Fernando, S Halfworth, K Sarang, N Patel

**002 Phenylephrine, ephedrine and fetal acidosis at caesarean delivery under spinal anaesthesia**

PMowbray, DW Cooper, M Carpenter, DM Pyali, WR Desira, MS Kokki

**003 Choice of anaesthesia for caesarean section for placenta praevia**

PS Smith, APC Robinson, RC Wilson, GR Lyons, IF Russell

**004 Left lateral versus supine wedged position for onset of spinal block, following CSE anaesthesia for caesarean section**

NL Lewis, JP Downer, EL Ritchie, MR Nel

**005 Ropivacaine 0.75% VS. bupivacaine 0.5% + fentanyl 100 l.l9 for epidural caesarean section**

N Christensen, J Harrad, P Howells

**006 Prospective audit of non-elective caesarean section referrals to anaesthetists July–Sept 2001**

NO Roberts, AE May

**007 High dependency care in obstetrics**

A Gaunt, SM Venus, A Holdcroft

**008 Written information for women in labour: Does It improve knowledge about epidurals?**

LA White, P Gordon, MYK Wee, N Mandai

**009 Blood cultures and epidural blood patches? A national survey of clinical practice**

P Sharpe, M Asif

**010 Regional anaesthesia in parturients with low platelet counts**

MWM Rucklidge, MJ Paech

**011 Platelet count and platelet function: an in vitro model for producing whole blood with low platelet counts**

N Patel, R Fernando, A Riddell, S Brown

**012 Pulse transit time: a new approach to haemodynamic monitoring in obstetric spinal anaesthesia**

J Bruce, G Shakwood-Smith, D Drummond

POSTERS WITH DISCUSSION

**PD01 To compare the measurement of blood pressure on the upper arm and ankle during lower segment caesarean section under spinal anaesthesia**

SSanghera, SAbernethy, ANorth, IWrench

**PD02 A comparison of fentanyl and diamorphine as adjuncts in spinal anaesthesia for caesarean section**

SLane, UMisra

**PD03 Evaluation of the HemoCue® for measuring haemoglobin concentrations in the obstetric population**

AN You, TKothagamanathan, FPlett, P Hegre, GM Stotts

**PD04 Assessment of a hand held computer to collect obstetric epidural audit data**

APinder, IWrench, DShepherd, RFreeman

**PD05 Mothers’ and healthcare professionals’ views on the features that influence satisfaction with childbirth**

DNLucas, NHarper, PSalmon, PR Robinson, SMYentis

**PD06 In vitro analysis of flow from multihole epidural catheters**

MWM Rucklidge, CE Curtowaki, DA Doolery

**PD07 Epidural saline injection following accidental dural tap in labour**

PMcIntyre, JReid, PStone, IKeast

**PD08 Neonatal effects of maternal oxygen supplementation at elective caesarean with combined spinal epidural anaesthesia**

SK Backae, G Lyons, APC Robinson, RC Wilson

**PD09 The urgency of caesarean section: classification and fetal outcome**

CDuca, DLeschinsky, SPhillip, SHallworth, PSalmon, RC Wilson

**PD10 Audit of emergency anaesthetic drug tray preparation In the obstetric theatre**

AOdy, TJDunn

**PD11 Time taken to perform spinal anaesthesia in emergency caesarean section**

ALSandsby, GLyons

**PD12 Regional anaesthesia and spinal bifida**

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**PD13 Epidurals in morbidly obese obstetric patients**

SJ Harrison, SGowrie-Mohan

**PD14 Poor outcome following epidural abscess complicating epidural analgesia for labour**

PR Evans, UMisra

**PD15 Documentation of peri-operative pain information during caesarean section under regional anaesthesia**

ASHabib, MTate, CEEmerson, CAllsager, AVictoria, TMBoorne

**PD16 Obstetric thrombophrophylaxis in Medellin, Colombia: far away from the guidelines**

CE Restrepo, G Gaviria, O Meneses, CGutierrez, F Zapata, LGonzález

**PD17 Evaluation of a new technique (transcutaneous spinal electroanalgesia) for pain relief following elective caesarean section**

AMHeffernan, MDate, AE May, PSharpe, DJ Rowbotham