

FIGO takes over full responsibility for GLOWM

FIGO has now taken over full responsibility for *The Global Library of Women's Medicine* (GLOWM) and integrated it into its exciting, ongoing educational programme. *The Global Library* was started and developed by Paula and David Bloomer, who have been solely responsible for its development and funding for the last 12 years – but they were anxious to find a permanent home for it that would be able to continue and expand *The Global Library* after they were unable to fulfil that role. And FIGO, with its worldwide network and its dedicated commitment to women's healthcare was the ideal organisation to take it on – especially since the two organisations had collaborated so closely together for the last 5 years. As a result, Paula and David have now donated the copyright of *The Global Library* to FIGO who plan to expand and develop it actively over the coming years.



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David Bloomer, who will continue to act as the Publisher and remain responsible for the day-to-day operation of *The Global Library* for the time being, has warmly welcomed this new agreement. "This marks a new and important phase in the development of GLOWM. I am delighted that FIGO have taken on the responsibility for enhancing and expanding it; their commitment to women's medicine and their extraordinary global reach mean that they are perfectly positioned to advance and develop the programme. I much look forward to working closely with all the Officers of FIGO and with Johan Vos, the Chief Executive, in the months ahead and am excited by their enterprising plans for its future."

Of course, Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, the previous President of FIGO, will remain the Editor-in-Chief of GLOWM.

The Global Library continues to receive a very wide readership. Last month, for example, it received over 7 million hits from 198 different countries with just under 300,000 visitors accessing/downloading 3.3 million pages.

GLOWM's unique new Safer Motherhood APP is now launched

After extensive testing and evaluation in a number of different countries, *The Global Library of Women's Medicine* has, **this month**, just made available, entirely FREE, what we hope will be a genuinely valuable APP designed to support medical professionals in their care of women throughout pregnancy and childbirth. It has been developed over a 4-year period, following an original request from the World Health Organisation (African Region) and based on much advice and guidance that they have kindly provided.

Anyone anywhere can now download this App free to their mobile phone or tablet – and always have expert guidance on managing obstetric emergencies *instantly* available. Key features include:

- A wide range of short skills videos and clinical animations with voice commentary
- Expert and visual guidance on managing most aspects of pregnancy and childbirth
- Once downloaded these resources can be instantly accessed anytime, even when no phone connectivity is available
- Updates and new resources will be offered regularly

ALSO

- There is a **unique** option that allows midwives to store patient records *securely* and to share them with their clinic

To review the APP and see exactly how it works please click on the ICON shown here.



A new concept in knowledge transfer – GLOWM starts work on a mammoth new resource: The FIGO Continuous Textbook of Women's Medicine

Following its integration into FIGO, GLOWM is now embarking on a major new educational initiative; to revise, re-write and reformulate its existing 446 chapter section on Women's Medicine – and to re-present it in a unique format as "**The FIGO Continuous Textbook of Women's Medicine**". This will be designed to provide an unparalleled education resource and quite unlike any that currently exists. The unique features of this Continuous textbook will be:

- The FIGO Continuous Textbook will contain approximately 450 new chapters designed to meet appropriate curricula and other requirements
- Each chapter will include innovative new elements, including: pre-service guidance, advocacy, policy and best practice points
- They will also feature options that are only possible in digital presentations such as video clips, animation and PUB MED linked references
- Unlike any conventionally printed textbook the chapters will be constantly updated and therefore *never out-of date* – i.e. a truly "*continuous*" resource
- There will be an option for National Societies to add local protocols that will only be viewable by readers located within their national domain
- Each chapter will end with an optional ASSESSMENT section based on multiple choice questions
- Those completing satisfactorily the ASSESSMENT for each topic (usually about 8 – 10 chapters) will receive a "CERTIFICATE of STUDY COMPLETION"
- CMEs (Continuing Medical Credits issued by FIGO) will also be awarded for successful study completion



Clinical guidance in the form of rapidly assimilated animated videos

In a focused attempt to provide practical clinical guidance in an easily-absorbed and rapid way, GLOWM have produced a number of short (6 – 8 minute) animated videos providing expert clinical guidance on a number of key obstetric issues. Principally these are designed to aid midwives and others in their effective care of women and they are available on our new Safer Motherhood APP as well as on the GLOWM website. It is planned to expand the number of topics covered in due course – and also to make them available in some local languages (two are already available in Kiswahili). The videos currently available are:

- [Pre-eclampsia](#) [Postpartum Hemorrhage](#) [Maternal Sepsis](#) [Respectful Care and Womens Rights](#) [Post Partum IUD Insertion](#)
[Counselling for the use of Post Partum IUD](#)

<p>Pre-eclampsia A Practical and Clinical Guide to Pre-eclampsia</p>	<p>It is also essential that blood pressure be taken in the correct way, since otherwise inaccurate readings may result in a misleading diagnosis to be made.</p>	<p>Pre-eclampsia is a danger to the mother and the fetus, and transfer to facility, ideally tertiary care, is indicated.</p>	<p>and it is not particularly comfortable for the woman. However, health workers can learn to do this safely and with confidence, and they should be trained to do so.</p>
<p>Maternal Sepsis</p>	<p>Maternal infections can occur throughout pregnancy. Some predispose to preterm delivery. Others do not, but may be encountered in the postpartum period.</p>	<p>Sepsis is infection plus systemic manifestations of infection. Suspicion of significant sepsis should trigger an urgent referral/transfer to secondary or tertiary care centre. The symptoms include:</p>	<p>Urine output should also be closely monitored, a complete blood count and serum C reactive protein (CRP), blood urea and electrolyte levels should be obtained.</p>
<p>Post Partum IUD Insertion A Practical Guide</p>	<p>After 48 hours insertion should be avoided for 4 weeks</p>	<p>Ensure that there are no delivery related contraindications to PPIUD insertion - these contraindications include:</p>	<p>This resistance can also be felt by the top of your left hand, which is placed over the abdomen and positioned at the top of the uterine fundus.</p>