



The Dutch Working Party 'International Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health' aims to contribute to improvement of the reproductive health status of women around the globe, in particular by collaborating with local health workers (<http://www.safemotherhood.nl>). The Working Party is part of both the Dutch Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (NVOG) and the Dutch Society for International Health and Tropical Medicine (NVTG). The activities that are undertaken under the umbrella of the Working Party can be grouped into four pillars: education, patient care, **research** and advocacy.

Research activities are undertaken by (medical) students, Medical Doctors International Health and Tropical Medicine and many others. Some research activities develop into PhD-trajectories. PhD-candidates all over the world, Dutch and non-Dutch, work on finding locally acceptable and achievable ways to improve the quality of maternal health services, supervised by different members of the Working Party. Professor Jos van Roosmalen initiated the **Safe Motherhood Series**, which started in 1995.

The Safe Motherhood Series

- Safe motherhood: The role of oral (methyl)ergometrin in the prevention of postpartum haemorrhage. (Akosua N.J.A. de Groot), Nijmegen, 1995
- Safe motherhood: Perinatal assessment in rural Tanzania. (Gijs E.L. Walraven), Nijmegen, 1995
- Safe motherhood: Confidential enquiries into Maternal Deaths in the Netherlands, 1983-1992. (Nico W.E. Schuitemaker), Leiden, 1998
- Safe motherhood: Confidential enquiries into Maternal Deaths in Surinam. (Ashok S. Mungra), Leiden, 1999
- Safe motherhood: Reproductive health matters in rural Ghana. (Diederike W. Geelhoed), Leiden, 2003
- Safe Motherhood: Vaginal birth after caesarean section in Zimbabwe and The Netherlands (Wilbert A. Spaans), Amsterdam AMC, 2004
- Safe Motherhood and Health systems research: Health care seeking behaviour and utilisation of health services in Kalabo District (Jelle Stekelenburg), VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, 2004
- Safe Motherhood. Enhancing survival of mothers and their newborns in Tanzania (Godfrey Mbaruku), Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, 2005
- Safe Motherhood. Beyond the numbers: confidential enquiries into maternal deaths in Accra-Ghana (Afishah Yakubu Zakariah, Accra, Ghana), Vrije Universiteit Brussel, België, 2008
- Safe Motherhood. Severe maternal morbidity in the Netherlands: the LEMMoN study (Joost Zwart), Leiden University Medical Centre, the Netherlands, 2009
- Safe Motherhood. Obstetric audit in Namibia and the Netherlands (Jeroen van Dillen), VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2009

- Safe Motherhood. Confidential enquiries into maternal deaths in the Netherlands 1993-2005 (Joke Schutte), VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2010
- Delay in Safe Motherhood (Luc van Lonkhuijzen), University Medical Centre Groningen, the Netherlands, 2011
- Safe Motherhood: Medical Mirrors: Maternal care in a Malawian district (Thomas van de Akker), VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2012
- Safe Motherhood: Leading change in the maternal health care system in Tanzania: application of operations research (Angelo Nyamtema, Ifakara, Tanzania), VU University Medical Center, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2012
- Safe Motherhood: Health professionals and maternal health in Malawi: mortality and morbidity at district level (Jogchum Beltman), VU University Medical Center, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2013
- Safe Motherhood: Obstetric emergencies in primary midwifery care in the Netherlands (Marrit Smit), Leiden University Medical Center, the Netherlands, 2014
- Safe Motherhood: Improving maternal outcome in rural Tanzania using obstetric simulation based training (Ellen Nelissen), VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2014
- Safe Motherhood: The aberrant third stage of labour (Giel van Stralen), Leiden University Medical Center, the Netherlands, 2015
- Safe Motherhood: Terugvinden van waardigheid, community-based sociotherapie in Rwanda, Oost-Congo en Liberia (Cora Bakker), VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2016
- Safe Motherhood: Severe acute maternal morbidity, risk factors in the Netherlands and validation of the WHO Maternal Near-Miss Tool (Tom Witteveen), Leiden University Medical Center, the Netherlands, 2016
- Safe Motherhood: Getting the job done, providing lifelong HIV-treatment in settings with limited human resources for health: innovative approaches (Marielle Bemelmans), VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2016
- Safe Motherhood: Identifying needs for optimizing the health work force in Ethiopia (Tegbar Yigzaw Sindekia), VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2017
- Safe Motherhood: Improving frontline health workers' performance in low resource settings; the case of Ethiopia (Firew Ayalew Desta), VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2017
- Safe Motherhood: Increasing access to anaesthesia in Ethiopia: task shifting (Sharon J.N. Kibwana), VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2017