Asking the Tough Questions: 
Routine Screening for Domestic Violence in the Health Services

Research Presentation on the Gold Coast

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Violence against women and children by male partners and ex-partners is a major public issue, resulting in injuries and other short and long term health consequences, including mental illness. Responding to domestic violence should be a priority for health services as healthcare may be a survivor's first or only point of contact with professionals.

More recently, some health care organisations and professionals have begun to focus their attention on domestic violence, although this continues to be more effective in some areas than others. This continued reluctance has been attributed to health professionals' lack of awareness, lack of training or preparedness to deal with a woman's disclosure of domestic violence.

Dr Baird’s presentation will explore the effectiveness of interventions delivered within a maternity and general practice setting which were designed to improve identification, recording and management of domestic violence.

Dr Kathleen Baird is committed to providing woman-centred health care and has maintained this focus throughout all her work and research, with doctoral studies focused on women’s experiences of domestic violence during pregnancy. Her work continues to contribute to the development of midwifery knowledge; enhance curriculum development and assessment by introducing progressive teaching and assessment processes to the curriculum.

Date and Time: Thursday, 16 October at 12.00noon
Venue: Lecture Theatre, Block E Ground Floor
Gold Coast University Hospital
1 Hospital Boulevard, SOUTHPORT QLD 4215 (Location Map attached)

Tea and Coffee will be available

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