

Event: Sydney: Maternal Fetal Medicine Recent advances in first trimester screening 22 August



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- 60 Delegates

The Event

- Event covered the recent advances and updates in first trimester screening and testing
- Memorable information:
 - Advances in first trimester screening can predict maternal and perinatal outcomes.
 - Although NIPT has advantages and disadvantages future applications will be useful in first trimester screening.
 - New technology and genetic advances will have an application in Maternal Fetal Medicine.
 - First trimester morphology scans are possible and can detect major defects.



Event location

- Westmead Hospital, Westmead
- The John Lowenthal Lecture Hall

Event Program

- Speakers and presentations: 0900-15.30
- Q&A Session: 1500-15.30

Purpose of the Event

- To educate and inspire delegates to see the most recent information that is available when screening in the first trimester of pregnancy. With this information maternal and perinatal outcomes can be improved.
- Quotes from attendees:
 - "The 12 week scan provides great information however I sometimes struggle even to obtain an NT measurement due to increasing maternal habitus!"
 - "What is the cost to the patient when having these screening tests?"
 - "Thank you for your advice. I'm ready to get back to work tomorrow and work on my first trimester scans"