

# The challenge of collaboration: professional cultures in Australian maternity care.

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This presentation will be offered twice:

8:00 AM -- 9:30 AM or 11:30PM – 1:00 PM

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In Australia, as elsewhere, contemporary health policy encourages collaborative multidisciplinary care and managers increasingly seek to implement team work. This presentation will explore the challenge to professional work in Australian maternity settings presented by contradictory health reform agendas and professional rivalries. Research using ethnographic fieldwork and semi-structured interviews with unit heads, (nurse-)midwives, and medical staff in Australian hospitals in the State of Victoria provides rich evidence of the tension between promoting professional collaboration and 'on the ground' hospital realities.

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**Location:** Women's Health Centre at BC  
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**Room D308 from 8:00 to 9:30**  
**Room E311 from 11:30 to 1:00PM**

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