



PlGF: Where we are. Why it's important.

Date: March 23rd 2022 **Location:** Online via ZOOM **Time:** 19:00 – 20:30 UK time

Agenda

19:00	Introduction to Panel and the evening	Marcus Green	CEO, APEC
19:05	The NHS Perspective	Nathalie Carter	NHS England
19:10	Patient Perspective	Tharshiya Baskaralingam	APEC Parent
19:20	Setting the Scene	Prof Jenny Myers	University of Manchester
19:30	The Oxford Perspective	Prof Manu Vatish	University of Oxford
19:40	The Science and Commissioning	Guy Checketts	Oxford Academic Health Science Network
19:50	Social Listening	Lisa Beaumont	Lisa Beaumont Marketing
19:55	Panel Discussion and questions	Jennifer Holly	NCT
20:10	Summary and Thanks	Prof Andrew Shennan OBE	APEC Chair of Trustees, GSST



About our speakers:



Marcus Green

Marcus is the part time CEO of APEC, a role he's held since June 2016. He's led the development of the research programme where he's placed a strong emphasis on patient voices. He has also been involved in international developments with the charity including APEC International and APEC Ghana. Marcus's career started in working for a political party where he worked on local, national and European polls as well as election observing in Albania, campaigning in Malawi and lecturing in Eastern Europe as part of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Marcus's interest in pre-eclampsia came after his wife suffered with it, 13 years ago.



Nathalie Carter

Nathalie Carter is a Patient and Public Involvement Manager in the Innovation, Research and Life Sciences Group at NHS England and NHS Improvement. Nathalie holds an MSc in Health, Community and Development from the LSE. Her dissertation on the psycho-social impact of HIV diagnosis in pregnancy was used by the All-Parliamentary Group on HIV/AIDS to inform social care advocacy. She has worked in several charities supporting pregnant women living with HIV. In 2018-19 Nathalie worked on NHS England's Cumbria and North East maternity immunisation programme, achieving the highest uptake of maternity flu vaccinations in England. Nathalie has worked with teenage mums and contributed to Public Health England guidance on commissioning sexual and reproductive health and HIV services:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/commissioning-sexual-health-reproductive-health-and-hiv-services>.



Tharshiya Baskaralingam

Tharshiya is teacher based in Leicester. She has been a supporter of APEC following her experience with severe pre-eclampsia when her son was born in November 2020. Her experience "gave me the drive to help raise awareness of pre-eclampsia, with the hope of saving many women and babies." We are incredibly grateful for her time and dedication in helping to raise awareness of pre-eclampsia and the PIGF test.



Prof Jenny Myers

Jenny graduated from Nottingham University in 1997 having completed her Bachelors Medical Sciences and Medical degrees. She undertook a senior house rotation in Obstetrics & Gynaecology in Derby and Nottingham and in 2001 moved to Manchester to work as a Clinical Research Fellow in the new Maternal & Fetal Health Research Centre with Professor Phil Baker. Her Phd, completed in 2005, was entitled "Circulating Factors in Pre-eclampsia" and included research focusing on vascular biology and plasma proteomics. She received the William Blair Bell Lectureship in 2009, awarded by the RCOG for outstanding contribution to research in the field of Obstetrics. She completed clinical training at St Mary's whilst continuing my research related to pre-eclampsia and was appointed as Consultant Obstetrician/ Clinical Senior Lecturer in April 2011. I was awarded an NIHR Clinician Scientist award in 2012 and an ERC Consolidator Fellowship in 2020. I continue to combine clinical work with an active research programme spanning basic science, translational and clinical studies related to diabetes and hypertension in pregnancy.



Prof Manu Vatish

Manu undertook preclinical medicine at Keble College, Oxford followed by a DPhil at Brasenose completed clinical training at Cambridge (Queens' College). Specialist training in obstetrics & gynaecology on the Oxford training rotation was followed by a clinical lectureship at Warwick and senior lectureship/consultant at Warwick. Fulbright and Churchill Fellowships (in New York & Yale) preceded a move back to Oxford in 2013 as Senior Clinical Fellow/Consultant in Obstetrics.

Manu is a clinical academic and practicing obstetrician at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. He sees patients in clinic as well as on the labour ward and takes full part in the on call rota for acute obstetrics at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Manu is also NIHR CLRN Clinical Director for the Thames Valley & South Midlands.



Guy Checketts

Guy has over 25 years' technical and commercial experience across many sectors of the medical device industry in the UK, USA and Europe. He has developed and launched many new products and led successful change management projects at scale. Working for Oxford AHSN, Guy has lead both local and national AHSN PIGF-based testing projects for the last 4 years, which has led to widespread adoption of pre-eclampsia testing across maternity services in England



Jennifer Holly

Jennifer is a women's health researcher and has over ten years' experience of leading research into the delivery of health and social care services for women. She is currently the Research and Evaluation Manager at NCT and a PhD student in the Section of Women's Mental Health at King's College London. She is also the Mental Health Ambassador for her local Maternity Voices Partnership.



Prof Andrew Shennan OBE

Andy is Professor of Obstetrics at King's College London, based at St. Thomas' Hospital. He is clinical lead of the Maternal and Fetal Research Unit and specialises in clinical trials in antenatal and intrapartum care. His research interests include interventions to prevent preterm birth, pre-eclampsia, encouragement of normal birth and the use of blood pressure monitoring.

He chaired the Department of Health Committee on Blood Pressure Monitoring in clinical practice and sits on the relevant committees for the International Standardisation Organization (ISO) and the British Hypertension Society (BHS). He also advises the World Health Organisation (WHO) on perinatal research.

Lisa Beaumont

Lisa is a qualified marketing professional (MCIM) and provides communications guidance to NHS England on Medical Technology products from a patient perspective. Lisa lives with several disabilities. Lisa is keen to raise awareness of the PIGF test as she has lived experience of hypertension in pregnancy. Her blood pressure rose significantly during her first pregnancy with a diastolic reaching 100. In her second pregnancy raised blood-pressure and protein in urine, resulted in admission for observation for possible pre-eclampsia. It did not develop into pre-eclampsia, however Lisa was advised not to become pregnant again as it could be life-threatening. Lisa later suffered a brain haemorrhage caused by raised blood pressure, and a secondary stroke.