



How to ensure access and quality maternal health care for pregnant migrants and refugees?

Share-Net Netherlands kindly invites you for a thematic meeting on *maternal health care for asylum seekers, undocumented migrants and asylum residence permit holders*.

This meeting is organised by the Share-Net 'Maternal Health' Community of Practice (CoP) consisting of University Medical Centre Utrecht (UMCU), KIT Royal Tropical Institute, KNOV, the University of Amsterdam and Working Party on International Safe Motherhood & Reproductive Health. Other involved organisations are NVOG and COA.

With the arrival of refugees in the past years, some initiatives regarding their maternal health were developed. Meanwhile, it has become evident that health outcomes for mothers and new-borns of this group stay behind. We will have to use this momentum, while the experiences are still fresh in people's minds, to develop a comprehensive approach. In this way, we will be better prepared and able to avoid future mistakes.

The aim of this meeting is twofold:

1. Network strengthening of stakeholders involved in maternity care for refugees and permit holders to learn from each other's experiences, learn what is already done and challenges faced.
2. Concrete recommendations and action plan to improve readiness for a next arrival of pregnant refugees to provide quality care for pregnant refugees and status holders.

Accreditation requested NVTG, NVOG, KNOV

Invitation and Programme

6 December 2018

17.00 – 21.00

UMC Utrecht
Heidelberglaan 100
3584 CX Utrecht
Auditorium WKZ

Please RSVP via the following [link](#).



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Programme

16.45 - 17.00 **Arrival participants**

17.00 – 17.05 **Welcome and introduction**

by Marcus Rijken, Gynaecologist, Assistant Professor Global Health, Member of the COA working group.

Part 1: Key note talks

17.05 – 17.25 **Setting the scene: from recent evidence to sharing stories**

by Simone Goosen. She will give a brief overview of recent evidence on the sexual and reproductive health of refugees and undocumented migrants. She will explore, with the audience, thoughts on the importance of sharing personal stories and chain collaboration.

17.25 – 17.45 **Care path for asylum seekers**

by Peggy van der Lans, Gynaecologist, VSV Almelo

17.45 – 18.05 **Reflections from the expert meeting by Dokters van de Wereld**

by Marthe Zeldenrust, MD in Sexual Health and SRH coordinator Dokters van de Wereld

18.05 – 18.45 **Break with drinks and finger food**

Part 2: Developing recommendations and action plan

18.45– 19.45 **Break-out in smaller groups to develop recommendations related to research, policy and practice**

Each group is led by one content expert. Facilitation by Joyce Browne, Assistant Professor Global Health.

Part 3: Feedback session and closure

19.45 – 20.00 **Asylum seekers and the right to health**

Presentation by Jelle Stekelenburg, Professor International Aspects of Reproductive Health, Safe Motherhood at Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen/Medisch Centrum Leeuwarden. Chairman Working Party International Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health. The concept of the right to health will be explained and the situation of pregnant asylum seekers in the Netherlands will be discussed. Are their rights violated? And what could we do about that?

20.00 – 20.45 **Groups present the recommendations from their discussion and plenary development of action plan**

Facilitation by Thomas van den Akker, Leiden University Medical Centre - Department of Obstetrics.

20.45 – 21.00 **Closure** by Marcus Rijken