

Continuing Medical Education, 8th May, 2021

AOGD Fetal Medicine and Genetics Subcommittee

The Fetal Medicine and Genetics Subcommittee of the AOGD organised a Webinar titled **‘Prevention & Management of Thalassemia Major – An obstetrician’s perspective’**. The meeting was held on the occasion of **International Thalassemia Day – 8th May 2021, Dr Achla Batra, present President, AOGD** graced the occasion with her presence. The webinar was attended by 250 participants across Delhi- NCR and other parts of India.

The faculty included experts in the field of obstetrics, Fetal medicine and Genetics. The topics generated a lot of interest and animated discussions amongst the speakers and the participants. It was highlighted that our country is known as Thalassemia capital as 10% of cases of world thalassemics are from India. Every obstetrician should stress on universal screening in early pregnancy and should order complete CBC as first step and followed by HPLC. Cut off for MCV (<80 fl) and MCH (<27 pg) was highlighted and an approach to thalassemia screening was discussed. Ms. Neha, a thalassemia social activist shared her experience. The chairpersons were, Dr. Sangeeta Gupta, Dr. Seema Thakur and Moderator was Dr. Seema Thakur. Various topics discussed were:

1. Approach to screening and Prenatal Diagnosis of Thalassemia Major: Speaker- Dr. Seema Thakur
2. CVS for PND- Thalassemia- Techniques and pearls of Wisdom- Speaker- Dr. Vandana Chadha
3. Pregnancy management of Thalassemia major- Case based discussion: Speaker- Dr. Sumitra Bachani