

# Symposium

## Maternal mortality and morbidity local and global perspectives

We would like to invite you to the symposium 'Maternal mortality and morbidity: local and global perspectives', organised to celebrate the two PhD defences of Steffie Heemelaar (Leiden University) and Anke Heitkamp (Amsterdam UMC, VU university and Stellenbosch University). We invited passionate experts from various institutes, sharing the most recent insights regarding maternal health

surveillance and response. During panel discussions several approaches to improve maternal outcome will be discussed. There will also be a livestream to attend the symposium online. Online participants will be able to join the discussion through the chat. The symposium is free, but we kindly request you to subscribe. Attached, you can find more details and the program.

### Symposium: Maternal mortality and morbidity

local and global perspectives

Date: 19th of April, 08:30-12:30  
Venue: Atrium, Medical Faculty, van de Boechorststraat 7, Amsterdam  
Livestream: Link will be shared after registration  
Registration: <https://forms.gle/s2gEZBw94kYLvJS16> (required)  
CPD accreditation: NVTG, NVOG & KNOV 3 points  
Namibia & South Africa: Attendance certificate is suitable for application CPD points HPCNA/HPCSA  
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### PhD defence Steffie Heemelaar

Maternal health in Namibia: Lessons learned from obstetric surveillance

Date: 18th of April, 16:15  
Venue: Great Auditorium, Academy building, Leiden University, Rapenburg 73, Leiden  
Livestream: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/wetenschappers/livestream-promotie>  
Registration: Not required  
Enquiries: [s.heemelaar@lumc.nl](mailto:s.heemelaar@lumc.nl)

### PhD defence Anke Heitkamp

Maternal deaths, Near Misses and Great Saves: Severe Maternal Outcomes in Metro East, the Western Cape Province, South Africa

Date: 19th of April, 13:45  
Venue: Aula, Main Building of Vrije Universiteit, de Boelelaan 1105, Amsterdam  
Livestream: <http://www.youtube.com/VUBeadlesOffice>  
Registration: Not required  
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# Program Symposium

19th of April 2023

- Registration** 08:30 Coffee and tea
- 09:00 **Opening**  
Chair: Hanneke de Vries & Thomas van den Akker

## Maternal Health: the potential of surveillance

- Part 1** 09:10 **From local to global level: monitoring severe maternal outcome should happen everywhere**  
Anke Heitkamp, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Amsterdam UMC  
Steffie Heemelaar, registrar Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Leiden UMC
- 09:40 **Obstetric surveillance in Namibia: the achievements and opportunities in a country with a small population**  
Shonag Mackenzie, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist,  
Member of National Maternal Death Review Committee of Namibia
- 10:00 **The achievements and opportunities after 25 years of national obstetric surveillance in South Africa**  
Hannah Sebitloane, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, University of KwaZulu Natal
- 10:20 **Panel discussion**  
Moderators: Steffie Heemelaar and Anke Heitkamp  
Panel members: Shonag Mackenzie, Hannah Sebitloane, Gerhard Theron
- 10:40 Coffee and tea

## Maternal Health: how to respond?

- Part 2** 11:10 **Mental wellbeing of midwives, why support matters**  
Tuwilika Endjala, Midwife, University of Namibia
- 11:30 **Maternal morbidity: who is at risk and how to prevent?**  
Rebecca Painter, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Amsterdam UMC
- 11:50 **Strengthening maternal health systems**  
Salome Maswime, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Head of global surgery,  
University of Cape Town
- 12:10 **Panel discussion moderator Thomas van den Akker**  
Panel members: Tuwilika Endjala, Rebecca Painter, Salome Maswime, Jos van Roosmalen
- 12:30 **General discussion and Closure**
- 12:45 Lunch