An adapted WHO checklist for category 1 delivery
As easy as ABC
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**Introduction**

Checklists within emergency obstetrics:
+ Minimise errors
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+ Improve situational awareness
+ Improve decision making
+ Minimise anticipation of challenges and complications
+ Encourage better communication and team working

We intended to adapt the maternity WHO checklist to facilitate its use in category 1 emergency obstetric care

**Method**

Audit of adherence to the current WHO checklist in emergency obstetric theatre. Data was collected on:
- Sign In
- Time Out
- Sign Out

Survey of obstetric staff on:
- Barriers to use of the current checklist in category 1 delivery
- Views on the new checklist

**Results**

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Obstetric staff felt the adapted WHO checklist is:
- Simpler to use (100%)
- More time efficient (86%)
- Improves compliance (91%)

**Discussion**

- ABC approach familiar in emergency situations
- Combined briefing, sign in and time out enables smooth preparation in a complex environment
- Additional final prompt encourages exchange of key safety information and flattens hierarchy
- Develop the role of modified checklist for all urgent obstetric cases, aiming for 100% compliance

**References**