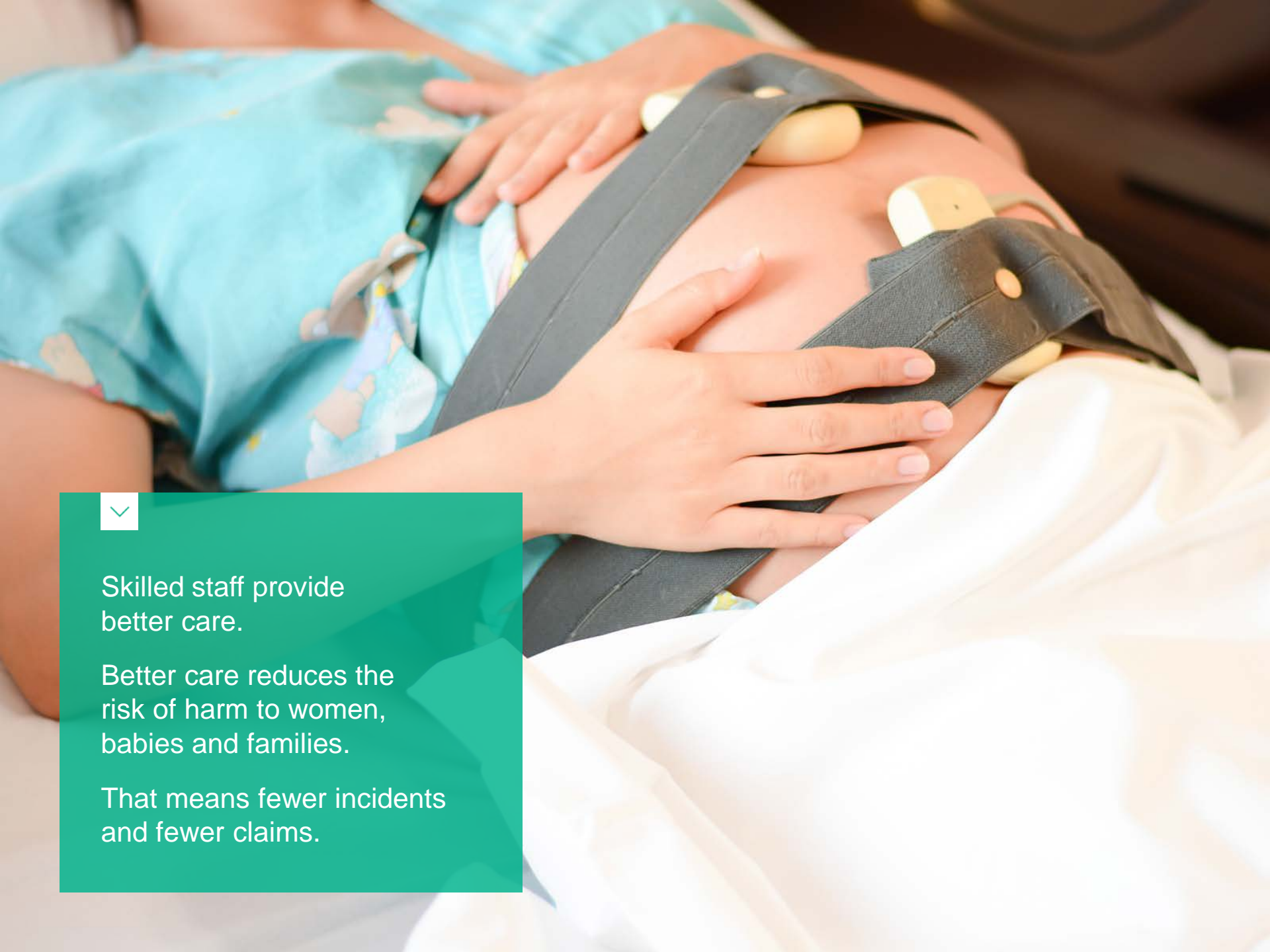


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Incentivising Better Patient Safety

Maternity health services





Skilled staff provide better care.

Better care reduces the risk of harm to women, babies and families.

That means fewer incidents and fewer claims.

Victorian maternity services
already provide a high
standard of care

Training staff in the skills needed for your clinical environment will lead to even better outcomes for women and babies.

Incentivising Better Patient Safety is about striving for better outcomes and encouraging participation in best practice training, which has been demonstrated to improve care and outcomes for women and babies in the birth suite.

Maternity services that train 80% of their clinical staff who work in the birth suite according to certain criteria will receive a refund on the obstetrics component of their medical indemnity premiums.

To receive the refund your organisation must deliver training in

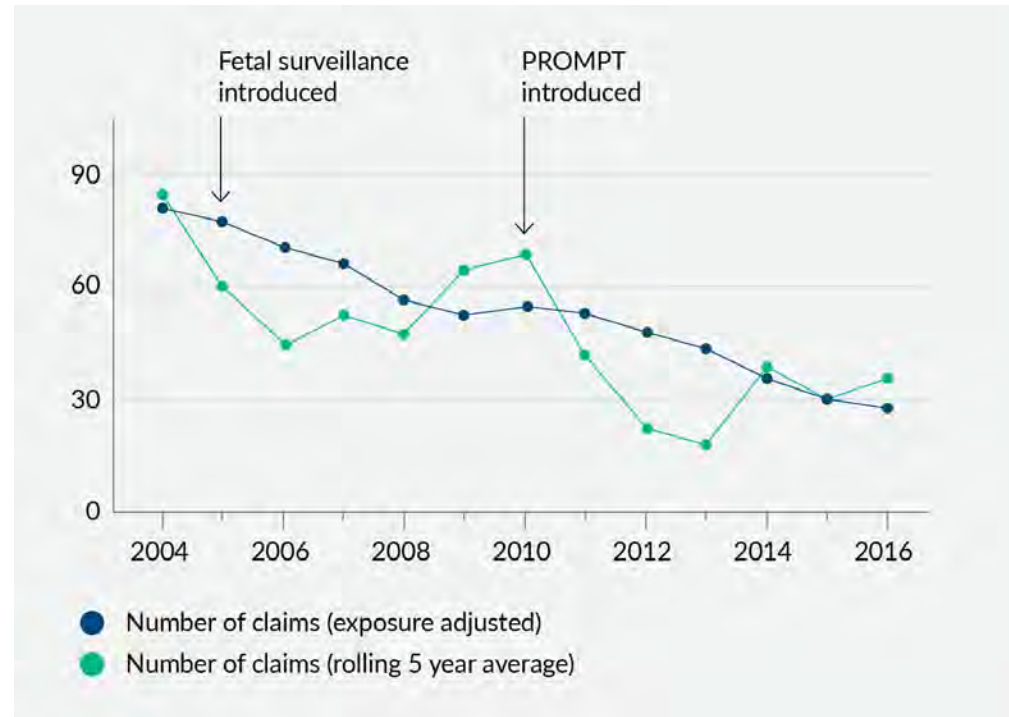
- multidisciplinary maternity emergency management
- fetal surveillance
- neonatal resuscitation

Vital information for decision makers



Our records show a strong decline in the number of claims for incidents in maternity care since health services started training their staff in PROMPT and fetal surveillance in 2003.

Data analysis has also revealed the most common factors causing harm.



A clear relationship



Since the introduction of fetal surveillance training, the number of deaths due to intrapartum fetal hypoxia has reduced by 51%.



Approximately 10% of newborns will require some assistance at birth, with 1% requiring extensive resuscitation activity.



Since 2003, PROMPT and FSEP training (along with other maternity risk management activities) have reduced obstetric claims to VMIA by 64%.

A refund on your obstetrics premiums



5% if you are a large health service

A minimum of \$15,000 for smaller health services



How to get the refund

1. Train your staff in programs according to VMIA's training criteria.
2. Attest that 80% or more of your birth suite staff have received training every year in each of the three areas of practice.
3. Submit your evidence to VMIA at the end of 2018-2019.

Participating hospitals will need to provide evidence that they have met the eligibility criteria in May each year.

Attestation must be completed by the CEO of the health service.

VMIA will assess the evidence from each hospital in May and June of each year and, if eligibility criteria has been met, your health service will receive its refund in June.

Choosing to be part of the program



Incentivising Better Patient Safety is a program you can **choose** to be part of

VMIA is offering an incentive based on a clear signal in our claims data.

We've consulted widely with the health sector to find out the most effective way to achieve better outcomes for women and babies.

Participating hospitals will be eligible to receive a refund on their obstetric insurance premium.

It's up to your health service how the refund is spent. VMIA encourages further investment in continuous improvement of clinician development, training and education.



Support and evaluation

Incentivising Better Patient Safety is a program you can **choose** to be part of.

Our Risk Advisers are here to help if you need to update or start a training program.

We can work with you to tailor an action plan that's right for you.

VMIA may audit health services during the program.

VMIA will report on the effectiveness of the program and assess whether it achieves its goals and if health services is supportive of the program.

