

Biographical details

Yvonne Moloney received her Nursing qualification in 1993 at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and her Midwifery qualification in 1996 at the Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital, Dublin and was subsequently appointed as RGN and RM in both hospitals. She completed a H Dip in Diabetes Nursing in University College Dublin and was appointed as a Clinical Midwife Specialist Diabetes in 2002 to the UL Hospitals group. She completed a MSc Diabetes, Nurse prescribing programme, and PGD Advanced Practice and was appointed as a Registered Advanced Midwife Practitioner Diabetes in 2014. She completed an MSc in Health Care Management in 2019.

Summary of the address

“Diabetes & Pregnancy: Call the Midwife”

A journey of developing a Diabetes service in a stand-alone Maternity hospital in Ireland

In Ireland, the Report of the Commission on Nursing (1998), recommended a three-step clinical career path in nursing and midwifery, registered nurse/ midwife; clinical nurse or midwife specialist (CNS), (CMS); and advanced nurse or midwife practitioner (ANP), (AMP).

I was appointed to a CMS Diabetes post in 2002. The situation in the hospital in 2002 was, there was a very limited service provided by a Consultant Endocrinologist and an RGN on another site. Women with type 1 Diabetes who became pregnant, travelled a three-hour journey for their Diabetes in Pregnancy care.

We built up a local Diabetes in Pregnancy service providing study days for the Midwives, developing guidelines, doing regular audits and participating in research projects. I became more experienced and independent in the provision of Diabetes care, completing an MSc Diabetes, nurse prescribing and Advanced Practice modules allowing me to be eligible to register as an Advanced Midwife Practitioner Diabetes. I was appointed as Registered Advanced Midwife Practitioner in 2014.

The core concepts of the ANP/AMP role are Autonomy in Clinical Practice, Expert Practice, Professional and Clinical Leadership and Research. I provide Diabetes care to women with gestational diabetes and pre-existing type 1/2 Diabetes, before, during and after pregnancy.

In 2019, we developed a national support group, the National Diabetes in Pregnancy Midwives Nurses Group NDIPMNG, I am currently chair of the group, we are working in collaboration with University College Dublin and the Foundation of European Nurses in Diabetes FEND to develop a Diabetes Midwifery/Nursing research interest group.