

Twitter thread by Amy Coopes of panel discussion at #RANZCOG19

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We will have a panel discussion with Moore, de Costa, Bateson and others so shoot through your questions
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Charlotte Elder makes a comment on the importance of language, calling yourself an abortion care provider, which emphasises that it is an act of CARE and divorces it from the politicization [#RANZCOG19](#)



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[@lregan7](#) sharing UK experience on abortion protests and also reflecting on importance of language. Always uses anti-choice, not pro-life, when referring to protesters [#RANZCOG19](#)



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Really big win in UK was changing language with NICE away from termination of pregnancy to abortion care, adds [@lregan7](#) [#RANZCOG19](#)





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Bateson says so few GPs provide medical abortion in NSW because there is just so little support for them, and there needs to be services in the public hospitals to increase access #RANZCOG19



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Moore talking about medical abortion provision in primary care and barriers. Importance of knowing there is someone in your area who is also working in abortion care, support #RANZCOG19



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De Costa talking about outlook for getting mifepristone off the restricted list. Notes @CatherineKingMP was prepared to do it, @GregHuntMP less open but we just have to keep the discussion (and protests) going #RANZCOG19



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Moore notes that in US FDA is in process of de-restricting mifepristone, so there is hope #RANZCOG19



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Conscientious objection by medical professionals - what is the impact, particularly rurally? An experience being shared from Brisbane of direct delay of referrals to 10-12wks or even 20wks. Urges to call your colleagues anti-choice, even seniors #RANZCOG19



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Moore sharing some research. Main effect is delay in gestational age. They don't change their plan, it just wastes their time, aren't 'chastened' by objectors. She says best way is direct referral to service [#RANZCOG19](#)



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On difficult colleagues, Moore says you have to start the conversation. You have to be careful with your language [#RANZCOG19](#)



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'I have discovered that if I talk to the junior staff, the medical students, let them hear the stories, talk to them about their conflicted feelings is there is movement'. Viewpoints are not fixed [#RANZCOG19](#)



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But Moore stresses this conversation must be led by [@ranzcog](#) 'and we have abrogated' this responsibility until now [#RANZCOG19](#)



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Bateson says conscientious objection can also be an issue with pharmacists, but she says often it's more a case of it being out of their comfort zone rather than outright objection [#RANZCOG19](#)

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Someone sharing their experiences as an academic at a Catholic university, and teaching students that eggs, sperm, life is a continuum which doesn't start at conception. 'I think it has changed people's minds' Screen



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Regan sharing Ryan Fellowship outcomes actually changing people's perspectives from conscientious objection, all through exposure to women seeking abortion and their experiences [#RANZCOG19 familyplanningfellowship.org/what-fellowshi...](#)



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Final comments here - they had to fight to get this session on the program, and then it was put in a small room without microphones and slides missing. [@ranzcog](#) needs to do better [#ranzcog19](#)



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Only 4% of pregnant women in our study [@DjerriwarrhHS](#) had a discussion with their healthcare provider DURING pregnancy about postpartum [#contraception](#)
[#Start](#) : Discussing postpartum contraception antenatally
[#RANZCOG19](#) [#ContraceptionMatters](#)



Dr Ruth DeSouza (FACN) @DeSouzaRN · Oct 16

Do you think that this is because women are so focused on the birth?



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Our study showed that if the issue was brought up by the healthcare provider, women were very interested in discussing postpartum contraception.

We (O&Gs, midwives, GPs) just don't do it & we need to start doing this NOW 🙏

