My presentation covers diverse current issues within obstetric anaesthesia.

- **Enhancing Recovery after Obstetric Surgery**
  Well established for colorectal, gynaecological and urological surgery but can it be done after Caesarean Section?

- **Early Warning Scores in Obstetrics**
  Recommendations of CMACH 2003-5; reiterated in CMACE 2006-8; NICE 2007
  Currently no national MOEWS; a missed opportunity?

- **The Hypertensive Parturient**
  A focus on Magnesium (not just for eclampsia/pre-eclampsia) and the dose of remifentanil to attenuate the hypertensive response to laryngoscopy and intubation.

- **The Haemorrhaging Parturient**
  Postpartum haemorrhage and fibrinogen.

- **The Parturient with Headache**
  The role of intrathecal catheters after accidental dural puncture, and, more controversially, prophylactic versus therapeutic blood patch.

- **Finally a few vignettes:**
  - Thiopentone - time to go?
  - Tailoring the Tilt
  - on Trial; Chlorhexidine; Remifentanil for labour analgesia
  - Technology: Echocardiography, Ultrasound scan and "the Reynolds Zone"

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