



AIMS Ireland & AIMS UK

Joint Committee Meeting & Seminar Day

**“Informed Consent in Maternity Care:
Perspectives from Ireland & the UK”**

September 25th 2010, The Teachers’ Club,
36 Parnell Square, Dublin 1 (Opposite the Rotunda Hospital)

AIMS Ireland is delighted to announce a joint committee meeting and seminar day with AIMS UK which will take place on September 25th in Dublin. All AIMS members are most welcome to attend the committee meeting at 10 am. This will be followed at 11 am by a **public seminar** comprising presentations, discussions and a workshop, all focusing on the key issue of **consent in maternity care**. The availability of information and consent continues to be a complex and problematic feature of women’s experiences in maternity care, both in Ireland and elsewhere. The aim of this event is to raise awareness of different aspects of consent and to stimulate reflection and discussion between midwives, student midwives, birth activists, service users, women’s groups, and all others who are committed to supporting women’s needs and rights during labour and birth.

Speakers will include Krysia Lynch, Co-Chair, AIMS Ireland, Mary Kirwan, Barrister & Journalist, Beverley Beech, Hon. Chair, AIMS UK, and Dr. Jo Murphy-Lawless, School of Nursing & Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin.

There is a fee of €15 (€10 for students and members) for the seminar to cover costs of this event. Payment can be made upon registration. Since places will be limited, pre-registration is recommended. Please complete the booking form below and send to 7 Devoy Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8, or email to info@aimsireland.com

Name.....

Address.....

Email/Phone.....

Number attending.....



**Association for Improvements in
the Maternity Services - Ireland**

**Programme for Saturday, 25th September
The Teacher's Club, Parnell Square**

10.00 – 11.00: Joint committee meeting between AIMS Ireland & AIMS UK, open to all AIMS members. **All other sessions are open to the public.**

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee & Registration

11.30 – 12.00: Presentation of the AIMS Ireland Surveys “What Matters to You?” (2010) and “Availability of Information & Consent” (2008) *Kryisia Lynch, Co-Chair, AIMS Ireland*

12.00 – 12.10: Update on AIMS Ireland’s campaign for a review of consent-related practices in maternity care

12.10 – 12.30: Legal Aspects of Consent in Maternity Care *Mary Kirwan, BL*

12.30 – 13.00: Questions & Discussion

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 14.30: The UK Experience of Consent-Related Challenges in Maternity Care *Beverley Beech, Hon. Chair, AIMS UK*

14.30 – 15.00: Identifying & Challenging Barriers to Informed Consent in Maternity Care in Ireland (workshop) *Dr. Jo Murphy-Lawless, Trinity College Dublin*

15.00: Discussion

15.30: End