

INTRODUCTION

- Obstetric haemorrhage leading cause of maternal mortality
- Different aetiologies - those with more severe bleeding have an increased likelihood of coagulopathy
- Limited evidence on appropriate intervention, much of guidelines rely on audit, extrapolation from major trauma



DEFINITIONS

- Definitions of PPH vary
 - >500ml at time of vaginal delivery
 - >1000ml at C/S
 - major PPH
 - moderate 1-2L
 - severe >2L
 - massive >2.5L
- fall Hb $\geq 40\text{g/L}$
- need for ≥ 4 units red cells
- need for invasive procedure

