Mobile SimVan – Crossing boundaries to make midwifery simulation based learning accessible to rural and remote Victoria

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- Able to palp & feel
- Bishop Score
- Meconium Staining
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