

Extended Abstract

Evidence based midwifery

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In Midwifery Evidence based practice is widely accepted as a fundamental tenant. Evidence Based practice is the process of making clinical decisions based upon evidence, clinical experience and patient expectations. It is about using research rather than doing it. Evidence based midwifery believe in the movement away from always doing things in the way in which we were taught and from decisions based on personal opinion. It requires that we look for and appraise research evidence to inform decisions about tests, treatments, patterns of practice, and policy. The evidence drawn on to underpin practice should be in the public domain, open to scrutiny, clinically based, take account of women and their families. The midwife responsibilities is to make use of all available resources to inform her practice including experimental knowledge. She has a duty to weigh up the latest clinical evidence that elicited by her personal observation and to take account of her experience and the woman's wishes. Evidence-based practice has been deemed important and valuable for nursing and midwifery in many levels. For many years, midwives have shown interest in the idea of evidence based or effective care. There are a number of good reasons for the interest in evidence based care. Evidence based practice is now widely accepted as a fundamental tenet of midwifery. The importance of evidence in defining midwifery policy and practice in the UK health system, and others, is acknowledged and enduring. While the development and evaluation of research in midwifery is well charted, the question of how such evidence is incorporated into practice has, to date, received less attention and discussion in the midwifery profession. Answering this need, Evidence Based Midwifery focuses on the dissemination and use of evidence for midwifery practice, and explores midwives' experiences in using the evidence base to inform policy and enhance clinical practice. Written by a highly-regarded and diverse group from the UK and international midwifery community, Evidence Based Midwifery addresses issues of relevance to all midwives whether clinical practitioners or educators, students or supervisors, researchers or managers.

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