

Governance and management; Staffing and qualifications; Physical environment and equipment; Clinical care; Quality improvement

"What are the things you think are CRUCIAL to be included in a midwifery center accreditation?"

Referral pathways

M/M regularly

Access to higher level support

Referral criteria to higher levels of care with clear referral pathways

Patient feedback system in place: compliments and complaints

Regulation 158 requirements?

Referral links to both public and private back up systems via reliable ambulance services, and then birthing rights at backup hospital or handover system in place.

Hospital backup

Have a good OBGYN relationship

Emergency care are

Effect emergency transport - ambulance service

guidelines and

collaboration with support (disciplinary)

Not sure how to word it... but some sort of criteria / check list on how the midwife practice (women-centred, sensitive care, natural midwifery only)

IPC protocols

woman centred care = the unique woman in our care being the priority

Notice board with direct emergency back-up numbers of all relevant hospitals and doctors

Have a link to ambulance services

Emergency care protocols for the baby have to be in place eg HBB

The use of a doula

Clear criteria regarding assisted birth

List what patients need to bring with for a birth

Admission criteria

Requirement for protocols covering (list of topics such as routine management of birth, referral, etc) for safety that are evidenced-based, but not the specific protocols themselves

Hand wash linen

Medical waste management

Sterilising of equipment

list of standards and indicators the center must

physical space is important - form and function are connected

Billing system

Good record keeping

Safe storage of files and archives

Maternity book

Evacuation policy

Clear protocols for management of specific emergencies

A list of of equipment including re equipment be available adhered to

minimum emergency medication required

Comfort area for staff

Have adequate emergency equipment at hand

Emergency equipment

Medication required for the management of obstetric emergencies

maintenance of biohazard waste

Waste management

Reliable electricity and backup, clean running water

Practice admin & management skills requirements

Workplace policies & procedures

CPD for staff

perhaps listing management needs (personnel policy, evaluation of staff, etc)

ongoing audit of files to determine protocols are being followed

Internal and external audits on a regular basis

Statistics available for research purposes

Audit of birth records (practice manager/head)

Updated antenatal care protocols

Clear criteria on which patients should be managed in a birth unit and who should be referred

Water birth policies

reflection of midwifery practice in care, environment of midwifery center

respectful, compassionate care in program of care including education offered

Staffing

Staff requirements including support staff

Practice admin & management skills requirements

Workplace policies & procedures

Have two midwives at a birth

Advanced practice qualifications

Well maintained patient records

audit review process, including view of referrals with care team

Medical records

requirement of continuous quality improvement process in place

partnership with woman

All staff should be registered with respective regulatory bodies

Infra should include adequate space for patients and staff, ablution facilities, kitchen, easy access for ambulances and wheelchairs

Adequate support staff

Staff to patient ratio

Adequate staff: patient ratio

Midwife registration and accreditation

Staff requirements

Required protocols for staff training- for safety, emergency drills, evidence-based care, and midwifery model care

Referral criteria and pathway

Management (staff protocols, staffing requirements, staff evaluation etc)

Medical Record keeping requirements, including records provided during referrals.

Required protocols and equipment for safety

Care policies reflecting safety, evidence-informed, midwifery model of care. (including criteria for admission, care during birth, NB and discharge criteria and followup)

Requirements for maintenance of quality (records, equipment, team care review/audits- for routine and advise outcomes, medication stock etc)