

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

Referral criteria

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.

IPC protocols

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

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

Clear protocols for management of specific emergencies

Evacuation policy

Water birth policies

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

Updated antenatal care protocols

reflection of midwifery practice in care, and environment of midwifery center

respectful, compassionate care in program of care including education offered

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

All staff should be registered with respective regulatory bodies

partnership with woman

Medical records

audit review process, including view of referrals with care team

Well maintained patient records

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)

requirement of continuous quality improvement process in place

Medical records

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Billing system

Good record keeping

Safe storage of files and archives

Maternity book

List what patients need to bring with for a birth

Easy access to emergency vehicle in other word good location

The use of a doula

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

Have a link to ambulance services

Have a good OBGYN relationship

Hospital backup

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

physical space is important-form and function are connected

list of standards and indicators the center must

Emergency equipment

Medication required for the management of obstetric emergencies

Sterilising of equipment

Medical waste management

Hand wash linen

A list of of equipment including resuscitation equipment be available and adhered to

minimum emergency medication required

Comfort area for staff

Have adequate emergency equipment at hand

Practice admin & management skills requirements

Workplace policies & procedures

CPD for staff

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

Have two midwives at a birth

Advanced practice qualifications

Midwife registration and accreditation

Staff requirements

Adequate staff: patient ratio

Staff to patient ratio

Adequate support staff

Staffing

Staff requirements including support staff

Reliable electricity and backup, clean running water

Waste management

Maintenance of biohazard waste

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)