

**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**

or guidelines and action criteria for ability to birth in birthing centers

**Collaboration with back up support (multidisciplinary)**

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**

Easy access to emergency vehicle in other word good location

**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 comfort of 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**

reflection of midwifery m care in care, environment of midwifery center

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

**Water birth policies**

respectful, compassionate care in program of care including education offered

**Staffing**

Staff require including support staff

**Practice admin & management skills requirements**

Workplace policies & procedures

**Have two midwives at a birth**

Advanced practice qualifications

**Well maintained patient records**

**Smart 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)