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RHIZOME FOR MIDWIFERY CARE

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BACKGROUND

• Respect for women’s autonomy, dignity, feelings, choice and preferences strengthen efforts towards prevention maternal morbidity and mortality.

• Midwifery service which are not rights based may serve as an exit point for interest towards care instead of an entry point.

• Evidence shows that access to midwifery care alone is not enough to promote maternal health and decrease maternal health indicators, but need to respect their rights.

• Rights based model of midwifery care has become a global priority, need to implement in underdeveloped and developing countries within the midwifery act and regulation of countries.
Rights–based model of midwifery care is holistic in nature and dynamic in its approach concerned with the promotion of woman health with the concept of womb to womb care by respecting their health rights throughout reproductive life cycle.

Rights–based model of midwifery care also support flexible, innovative and technological assisted midwifery care in equipped midwifery environment.

Rights based model of midwifery care further involves evidence based midwifery practices with multi-sectorial health support.

“Overall Philosophy of Rights based model of midwifery care visualized decline of maternal, infant, child morbidity and mortality”
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Realization of Rights based Model of Midwifery Care

Pre requisites on Part of Government

1. **Integrated Midwifery Care Development**: collaborated well articulated approaches between different stakeholders like professionals, researchers, policy makers, professional organizations, human right commission and midwifery workforce need to be introduced.

2. **Access to midwifery care**: all women of reproductive age including adolescents have access to midwifery care (Universal access to health care).

3. Government should provide a **supportive policies** with **essential package of midwifery care** which contains evidence based interventions for women of reproduction health group.

4. Government and health care delivery system provide and are held accountable for **fully enabled midwifery work environment**.
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5. Midwifery care is **prioritized in national health budgets** of every country.

6. **Multi sectorial approaches** to health rights.

7. Government needs to develop **appropriate referral system**.

8. **Continuum of care throughout reproductive life cycle** of women i.e. adapt **womb to womb** concept of care.

9. **Continuing Midwifery education** and regular (time-to-time) **revision** of midwifery syllabus at par with the advancement are essential.

10. Well defined **Midwifery regulation** and **midwifery practice act** at international **platform** and for **individual country** as per their health status are to be prepared to meet the **midwifery standard**.
Realization of Rights Based Model of Midwifery Care

Requisites on Part of Midwives

Midwives have to:

1. Seek personal, intellectual and professional growth throughout the career and integrate into practice.
2. Have responsibility to uphold midwifery standards and avoid compromises.
3. Understand rights of women and children including human rights.
4. Ensure to include current technology in rights based midwifery practices.
5. Implement evidence based midwifery practices.
6. Demonstrate expertise in midwifery skills and competency in care.
7. Exhibit midwifery judgements during care.
8. Ensure timely and appropriate referral if problem arise.
9. Utilize midwifery facilities effectively.
10. Practice within the midwifery regulation.
11. Sustain International code of midwifery ethics during care.
**Evidence**

*Sandell J. ; Soltani H. et al* (2015) (Cochrane), identified 15 studies involving 17,674 women both at low and increased risk of complications.

The investigators suggested that women who received care by using midwifery model of care by respecting women health rights were less likely to experience medical intervention and were more likely to be satisfied with their care with at least comparable adverse outcomes for women or their infants than women who received other models of care.
Impact of Rights-Based Model of Midwifery Care

Pre-requisites of rights-based model of midwifery care

- Developing philosophy of right-based model of midwifery care
- Selecting essential rights of women health
- Realization of right-based model of midwifery care

Care partnership strategies

- Women-centered care
- Community – based care
- Rights – Based Care
- Multisectorial Care approach
- Midwifery led intervention

Impact on women Health

- Women’s satisfaction
- Reduction in instrumental birth
- Less pre-term birth
- Support of woman in bearing down
- Supportive behaviour of woman
- Less likely to loss of baby
- Experience healthy and enjoyable pregnancy
- Decreased complications

Global Impact

- Better maternal and infant health indicators
- Increased quality of life
- Cost Effective midwifery care
- Client Satisfaction
- Midwives satisfaction
- Decreased global burden of economy on women & child care
The woman being a person deserved the fundamental rights to be healthy and access of health care within reach. Yet women do not enjoy basic rights.

In conclusion, right based-model of midwifery care be given with primary attention to the nature of relationship between the women seeking midwifery services, consider the corresponding responsibilities and inherent in protecting rights of reproductive health.
Honour the Reproductive Rights