Centre for Midwifery, Child and Family Health Research Framework

Midwifery, Child and Family Health Practice categories

- Education
  - Information
  - Health promotion
- Assessment
  - Screening
  - Care planning
- Promotion of normal processes, prevention of complications
- First-line management of complications
- Midwifery, medical, obstetric, neonatal, paediatric services

Organisation of care

- Available, accessible, acceptable, good-quality services – adequate resources, competent workforce
- Continuity, services integrated across community and facilities

Values

- Respect, communication, community knowledge, and understanding
- Care tailored to women’s, children’s and families’ circumstances and needs

Philosophy

- Optimising biological, psychological, social and cultural processes, strengthening women’s, children’s and families’ capabilities
- Expectant management, using interventions only when indicated

Care providers

- Practitioners who combine clinical knowledge and skills with interpersonal and cultural competence
- Division of roles and responsibilities based on need, competencies and resources

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Renfrew, et al. 2014