Maternity Services: Women Want Respect and Dignity Above all Else

So much to be thankful for in Australian Maternity Services

A global survey of 1.2 million women from more than half (114) of the world’s countries has found that the thing they most wanted from reproductive and maternal health services was to be treated with respect and dignity. After that requirement, the women, who were asked an open ended question about their health needs, said that they would like clean water, sanitation, hygiene, and adequate medicines and supplies. [Full article]

Baby care: RCOG Finds Average of 7 Factors Behind Each Stillbirth, Neonatal Death and Brain Injury

Different perinatal care might have made a difference in almost three quarters of cases of stillbirths, newborn deaths, and severe brain injuries to babies resulting from labour, concludes the latest report from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The RCOG report says that the main areas of care in which improvements might have changed the outcomes included a failure by health professionals to identify or act on relevant risk factors, issues relating to monitoring fetal wellbeing with Cardiotocography and blood sampling, and individual education or training issues.

Each Baby Counts is the RCOG national quality improvement initiative, which aims to halve by 2020 the number of babies who die or are left severely disabled. [Full article here]

World Breastfeeding Week 2019

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated every year from 1 to 7 August to encourage breastfeeding and improve the health of babies around the world. It commemorates the Innocenti Declaration signed in August 1990 by government policy makers, WHO, UNICEF and other organisations to protect, promote and support breastfeeding.

This year, WHO is working with UNICEF and partners to promote the importance of family-friendly policies to enable breastfeeding and help parents nurture and bond with their children in early life, when it matters most. This includes enacting paid maternity leave for a minimum of 18 weeks, and paid paternity leave to encourage shared responsibility of caring for their children on an equal basis. Mothers also need access to a parent friend workplace to protect and support their ability to continue breastfeeding upon return to work by having access to breastfeeding breaks, a safe, private, and hygienic space for expressing and storing breastmilk; and affordable childcare. [Full article]

College of Lactation Consultants WA 2019 Conference

This conference is aimed at health professionals and students working with breastfeeding families. Over two days, the invited speakers will share the very latest evidence and provide practical strategies that can be used in everyday practice. [More information here]

Education and Training

Two self directed learning packages that may be of interest to you are: Introduction to family and domestic violence and Screening and responding to family and domestic violence. Here is a useful link to find FDV Newsletters

Thought for the month "Don’t compare your life to others. There’s no comparison between the sun and the moon. They shine when it’s their time.” by The Thought Collectors Wife