

Learning to walk together

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Maternal Health

An Executive Summary for The Lancet's Series



"Every woman, every newborn, everywhere has the right to good quality care."

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Ending preventable stillbirths

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"At the core of public health programmes for women's and children's health... high quality antenatal and intrapartum care protects the mother and her baby, and represents a quadruple return on investments, saving the lives of mothers and newborns, preventing stillbirths, and additionally, improving child development."¹

THE LANCET

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Midwifery

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"Midwifery is a vital solution to the challenges of providing high-quality maternal and newborn care for all women and newborn infants, in all countries"

What do we need to address

- Absence of social model of care resulting in women 'not having ownership of their pregnancies'
- Societal gender inequity 'women have no voice' or not given information
- A major paradigm shift is required; prevention v. cure, understanding person-centred continuum of care that brings improved outcomes (SDGs)
 - re-thinking the utilisation of resources
- Too much too soon, too little too late
 - Increase in CS, other interventions
 - Access to antenatal care
 - Lack of evidence-based care
- Midwifery education, training and continuing professional development

Walk the talk

- Respectful care is safe care – ‘women’s charter for maternity care’
- Sharing statistics and data
 - Who are the stakeholders?
 - What is relevant data; access to maternity care, user experience, clinical data
- Health professionals, women and their families have to walk the same path



LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS

