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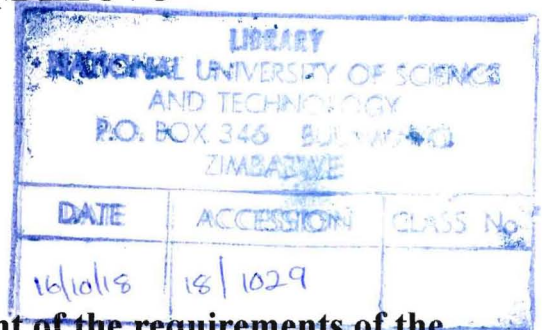
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**AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CARE PLANS BY
MIDWIVES IN THE POSTNATAL DEPARTMENT**

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ABSTRACT: Analysis on the implementation of care plans by midwives in postnatal department in kadoma 2016

The study is a Quantitative research enquiry, which used an exploratory, descriptive approach design, to analyse the implementation of care plans by midwives in postnatal care department in Kadoma General hospital in Mashonaland West in Zimbabwe. Most of the patient's notes do not have the patient care plan in place ,and midwives do not develop and implement care plans.The purpose of the study was to identify the gaps in the implementation of the care plans in order to come up with ways of dealing with the gaps in care plans and improving service delivery in the postnatal department. The objective of the study was to determine whether the midwives understood the values and benefits of implementing care plans to find out their understanding of documenting of care plans, To find out whether midwives are able to define a care plan, do midwives able to utilise care plans when caring for the patients. The population understudy included trained midwives, clinical instructors and student midwives working in kadoma general hospital. Purposive sampling was utilised and the sample size was 49 respondents. Data was collected using a structured questionnaire for both Registered midwives employed at kadoma general hospital and midwifery student training at this hospital in Kadoma general hospital after they have voluntary consented to participate. The questionnaire was responded to privately and individually .Confidentiality was maintained through non writing of their names by respondents on the questionnaires', Data was analysed using an Epi info. The findings revealed that shortage of staff was the major problem hindering implementation of care plans and also unwillingness of the staff which can be due to lack of knowledge and practical skills in developing and implementing care plans. Recommendations a dialogue among the faculty of midwifery and nursing programmes should be initiated to come up with a consensus on how care plans will be used as a written assignment in the clinical area. Such discussion will be beneficial and provide a consistent message to student midwives. an in-service training programme pertaining to integrating theory and practice were made to enhance the effective implementation of the care plan.

Key Words: Care plan, Implementation kadoma general hospital