

Bachelor of Science (Nursing)/Bachelor of Science (Midwifery) CONTINUITY OF CARE CONSENT FORM

Students enrolled in the above course are required to follow a pregnant woman through her pregnancy, her labour, the birth of her child (if possible) and in the immediate postnatal period. The reason for this activity is to assist the midwifery student to experience pregnancy and childbirth from the women's point of view and thus aid him/her in becoming a registered midwife.

By signing this form you are confirming that you have given the student permission to interview you and visit you on different occasions throughout your pregnancy, your expectations, attending antenatal visits with you, attending childbirth education classes with you, being with you during your labour and if possible, at the birth of your child and visiting you after the birth of your baby.

You also know that information obtained from these visits will be recorded by the student in the form of a case study report used for student evaluation purposes. Your full name will not be used. All information will be kept confidential.

It is important to note all student activities should be supervised by your midwife, doctor or other registered health professional. If you are concerned about the activities of the student, please feel free to contact the Course Coordinator, see details on the attached information sheet.

NAME: _____

CONTACT DETAILS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT ID: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Original to be given to the Clinical Facilitator or Midwifery Lecturer and stored on the student's file

The student photocopy must be stored in a secure manner (private locked cabinet)

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CONTINUITY OF CARE INFORMATION SHEET

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The student may undertake three to five (3-5) visits during the woman's pregnancy, for example:

- Attend clinic/midwife or doctors visits, OR
- Alternatively an ultrasound visit
- Attend childbirth education classes with the women and her partner.
- One (1) during her labour and if possible, be present at the birth of her baby
- Two to four (2-4) visits after the birth of her baby, for example:
 - During her stay in hospital;
 - At home/a visit to maternal and child health centre;
 - If the woman's baby is in a Special Care Nursery accompany her on at least on visit to the baby.

Records and Documentation:

The student and the selected woman must both complete and sign a consent form. The completed form is then to be lodged with the relevant clinical facilitator. This will be placed in the student's file.

Professional responsibility

The student's relationship with the woman and her family **must** be professional and within the role and scope of a student of midwifery and directly supervised by a registered midwife or medical officer during each visit. The nature of the student's professional role must be declared to the woman and her family.

Concerns

If you have any concerns about any aspect of this student activity, or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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