

Standard 2: The midwife shall use research, evaluation, service improvement, and audit findings to enhance the quality of care and protect the rights of participating women and their families.

Competencies

- Participates in activities that disseminate research findings, such as publications, journal clubs, grand rounds, and presentations.
- Promotes research, evaluation, service improvement initiatives, and audits designed to improve healthcare practice, disseminates findings to colleagues, women, their families, and communities, and supports research in midwifery by participate in midwifery research.
- Undertakes appropriate development to ensure competency to recruit, ensures informed consent is obtained, supports involvement, and facilitates, monitors and, where appropriate, advocates for withdrawal of individuals participating in clinical research and evaluation.
- Develops research capacity by attending training programmes to participate in clinical research.
- Communicates relevant research participation information effectively using language that is readily understood by potential participants.

Domain Four: Leadership and Management Skills

Leadership and management are essential for the delivery of excellent health services. Although the two are similar in some respects, they may involve different outlooks, skills, and behaviours. Good managers should strive to be good leaders, and good leaders need management skills to be effective. Midwives are expected to demonstrate leadership qualities while planning and managing midwifery care safely and effectively. Leadership and management skills are essential elements in the professional identity of midwives. These encompass strategic decisions that influence service delivery in terms of improving maternity care and maternal and women's health (Hewitt et al., 2021).