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Assessing the role of midwives in supporting women who give birth pre-term.

ABSTRACT

The work aims to investigate the role of the midwife in the support (information, guidance and emotional) to the woman delivering preterm, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the obstetrician group during the different phases of preterm delivery (prenatal hospitalization, childbirth and post-partum).

With this aim, following a literature search in journals and databases, we proceeded to administer semi-structured interviews to women with infants hospitalized in intensive care.

The results show that, overall, the support on the midwife is perceived to be positive at all times, and that this figure is defined as "professional", "available" and "reassuring". The critical points are represented by the lack of practical information during the prenatal hospitalization the perception of lack of information about procedures in place during childbirth and the difficulty in obtaining information on the newborn in the postpartum period.