



Midwives, Mothers and Families: Partners for Life! International Day of the Midwife 2017. Uganda, East Africa

Submitting an Abstract

We want to celebrate and promote the good work that Ugandan Midwives do every day. The International Day of the Midwife (IDM), which we will celebrate on **May 5th 2017**, is an ideal opportunity to showcase of the work of midwives in Uganda

This year the IDM celebrations will take place in **Fort Portal, Kabarole District, Uganda.**

As part of the celebrations, we are holding a symposium at which midwives will be invited to submit abstracts for presentation either orally or by poster. The abstracts may be results of a study undertaken, a systematic review of a particular subject or a midwifery practice innovation

The theme of the symposium is:

“Midwives, Mothers and Families: Partners for Life!”

The sub- themes are as follows:

- **Midwifery Leadership: opening doors for the family voice in their health care system**
- **Innovative teaching strategies to strengthen family partnerships**
- **Using Evidence-based practice in midwifery**

Please submit an abstract which fits into one of the themes, about a study you have undertaken, a systematic review of a topic you are interested in or innovations in your work using the following guidelines

1. Make your title clear and interesting to catch the reader's attention
2. Be as descriptive as possible and use specific rather than general terms
3. Use simple word order and common word combinations
4. Avoid using abbreviations; they could have different meanings in different fields.
5. Outline the most important aspects of your work
6. Highlight what is different or innovative about your work
7. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words.



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8. Minimize the use of abbreviations.
9. Avoid citing references.

The following points will help you structure your abstract

Background: This should place the study or your practice innovation into the context of the current knowledge about midwifery. The background should contain the main issues around your study or practice innovation and why you wanted to address this issue and how you started the process. This will be very beneficial to other midwives who may want to address an issue in their practice.

Methods: How did you do your study or develop the idea you had around your practice? Describe the steps you took to develop your work or idea

Results: This section should describe the main findings of the study or systematic review or the outcome of your practice innovation.

Conclusions: A brief summary of the potential implications of your study or practice innovation and how it could change midwifery practice

The closing date for submission of abstracts is **April 21st 2017**. Three abstracts will be selected for oral presentation and five abstracts for poster presentation. The successful applicants will be notified on April 22nd 2017.

Please submit your abstract by email to

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