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Saving mothers, review into confidential enquiries into maternal deaths in South Africa: Is the country on track?

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Introduction: South Africa is one of the few developing countries with a national confidential inquiry into maternal deaths. The establishment of the confidential enquiry into maternal deaths in South Africa was to allow the country to determine at what level there is a breakdown in the health system and in turn this will allow for remedial action. The information for saving mothers comes from an analysis of data on women who died in South Africa during pregnancy, pregnancy, labor or the puerperium in the five quintuple and were reported to the National Committee on Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths (NccEMD).

Statement of the Problem: All the reports from the inception of NccEMD made recommendations, but poor review and report on what the country has achieved with regards to maternal mortality.

Purpose: To establish progress made in South Africa with regards to maternal mortality and to assess the levels of maternal morbidity and morbidity in South Arica and to report findings and make recommendations.

Research Design: A retrospective, comparative study was done to assess all the NccEMD reports from 1998 to 2015 (Systematic review).

Conclusion: The death of a woman who leaves behind a young family has devastating consequences for these survivors with increased chances of disadvantage, illness and premature death, especially in poorer societies.

Biography

Lebitsi Maud Modibais committed to highest standard of excellence at Nursing, University of South Africa in South Africa. Lebitsi has gained a plethora of knowledge in related field. Lebitsi international experience includes various programs, contributions to reputed journals and participation in different international conferences in diverse fields of study.

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