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Management of chronic lung disease in infants

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Revue of infants cared for in the community with Chronic Lung Disease in the last 5 years. The review will discuss how Chronic Lung disease infants are managed both in neonatal unit and in the community. It will highlight the importance of having a clear oxygen weaning guideline in order to minimize confusion within the health care setting. Furthermore, the review will address the needs of infants and the parents in dealing with a chronic health condition. In conclusion, the specialist services need to share knowledge and experience in order to have a uniform oxygen weaning programme. It is important to acknowledge that management of chronic lung disease is not only about weaning, however the ability to support the emotional issues of the parents caring for an infant with chronic lung disease.

Biography

Tendai Nzirawa completed Undergraduate Diploma in Nursing studies (Adult) in 2005 (City University, London). Completed Bachelor of Science with Honours in Nursing Studies (Neonatal Care) in 2012 (City University, London). Currently, studying a Master of Science in Nursing Studies (Neonatal Care) London Southbank University, London. Since 2010, have been involved in setting up and running a Neonatal Parent Support group with other health professionals. Also in June 2015 set up a Down Syndrome Parent Support Group, run it with the assistance of two mothers who have children with Down Syndrome. In 2012, participated at the European academy of Pediatric Societies, Turkey (Poster Presentation) – The experiences of parents of infants on Home Oxygen. Won the Tony Fuller Cup – Clinical Audit Competition 2016 (Quality of Life of Families with Babies on Home Oxygen Therapy).

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