

Unplanned Births Survey



This focused clinical review aims to explore frontline clinicians' perspectives on unplanned births, to improve our support for both staff and patients. We invite input from all frontline staff, regardless of experience level. Please note, we may utilise your deidentified (anonymised) responses for secondary research purposes.

* Required

Your demographics

1. Age *

- ☐ 20-30 years
- ☐ 31-40 years
- ☐ 41-50 years
- ☐ 51+ years

2. Gender *

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say

3. Have you given birth yourself? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

4. Role *

- ☐ Paramedic
- ☐ EMT
- ☐ CCP/ICP
- ☐ First Responder
- ☐ Other

5. Years of clinical experience *

- ☐ 1-3 years
- ☐ 3-5 years
- ☐ 5-10 years
- ☐ 10+ years

6. In which city do you primarily practice/live near? *

- ☐ Auckland
- ☐ Christchurch
- ☐ Wellington
- ☐ Hamilton
- ☐ Tauranga
- ☐ Lower Hutt
- ☐ Dunedin
- ☐ Palmerston North
- ☐ Napier
- ☐ Porirua
- ☐ Hibiscus Coast
- ☐ New Plymouth
- ☐ Rotorua
- ☐ Whangārei
- ☐ Nelson
- ☐ Hastings
- ☐ Invercargill
- ☐ Upper Hutt
- ☐ Whanganui
- ☐ Gisborne

Experience with Attending Unplanned Births

7. Have you ever been involved in attending an unplanned birth on duty? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. How many of these events have you ever attended on duty? *

☐ 1-3

☐ 4-7

☐ 8-10

☐ 10+

9. Describe your experience attending an unplanned birth including the circumstance, location, your role, and the challenges faced *

10. How confident and informed did you feel attending the unplanned birth? *

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Not at all

Extremely

11. Describe which factors contributed to your level of confidence at the event

12. How informed and confident do you feel to treat a patient in labour? *

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Not at all

Extremely

Attitudes and Challenges

13. Please describe your emotions and thoughts around attending childbirth emergencies. *

14. Please describe what you perceive to be challenging or concerning about attending unplanned births? *

15. How culturally competent do you feel when attending childbirth emergencies? *

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Not veryExtremely

Pain Relief Administration

16. In your view, should patients in labour be administered pain relief? Explain why or why not. *

17. How comfortable are you administering pain relief medication to a patient in labour? *

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Not at all

Extremely

18. Which factors influence your decision to administer pain relief medications when a patient is in labour? *

19. In your experience, has a patient in labour ever declined pain relief? Please provide details.

20. Methoxyflurane is routinely used for pain relief during labour. Describe your views and concerns about using this medication. *

Improving Clinical Service

21. Has the training and education you received equipped you to confidently manage these events? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

22. Please rank from top to bottom which areas you'd like more training in? *

Normal birth

If the cord is wrapped around the neck

Shoulder dystocia

Prolapsed umbilical cord

Breech delivery

Supine hypotension

23. Do you know of any support/resources St John provides clinicians attending these events and what would you like to see?

Additional questions

24. Anything else you want to add/share on this topic

25. Where would you like to read about the findings from this survey? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Internal bulletin
- ☐ 3in3@3
- ☐ External publications
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Heartbeat Clinical Effectiveness page
- ☐ Yammer

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