

INDEPT INTERVIEW (IDI) GUIDES

DI with Midwives and Doctors involved in Maternal-foetal

A. Demographic

1. Name:.....
2. Sex: a) Male b) Female
3. Age in years:
4. Which category of health worker are you? a) Midwife b) Medical
Officer c) CHN d) Gynecologist e) CHO
5. How many years have you served in this hospital?
6. What is your rank in the hospital?
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7. Have you ever had any form of training in medical ethics before? a) Yes b) No
8. If “Yes” which topic:

B. General knowledge about maternal-foetal conflict

9. What is your understanding of maternal-foetal conflict? Any examples that you have been faced with?
10. What are the challenges associated with making decisions during the maternal-foetalmaternal-foetal conflict? [Probe for ethical challenges]
11. In your opinion, what are the complexities/challenges (ELSI) associated with maternal-foetal conflict? [Probe for challenges, autonomy, foetal status, informed consent, privacy, family]
12. How have you addressed these issues in your field of work? [Probe how issues such as

13. Professional conduct, consent, foetal status and right to autonomy for the mother have been addressed]
14. Which of the issues are unresolved and why?

MATERNAL-FOETAL CONFLICT CASE SCENARIOS

Case 1

A second-time mother who is 28 years old attended your facility for all of her prenatal care (ANC). Her history shows that she gave birth vaginally to her first child. Arrived 39 weeks pregnant and reported to be in labour at 4 o'clock at the labour ward's triage. The woman was admitted after dilation of 5 cm and assessment. After a VE, the woman was still 5 cm at 4 am. Oxytocin was added to the labour process. After VE at 1 p.m. there was meconium stain grade 2 and a compromised baby. The family was informed that the woman should be prepared for theatre but Husband insists that, their pastor says she can deliver so we should give the woman more time. How will you address such an issue

1. Will you consider the woman's request over that of her husband
2. Whose autonomy is considered, woman or man?
3. Are religious leaders' decisions considered in childbearing?
4. When should a man's autonomy be considered in maternal foetal issues?
5. What does the pain a woman endures during labour affect the mental capacity to make informed decisions?
6. Does clinical presentation and current status of the foetus give it a right to decide how and by what and what mode of delivery?

Case 2

A pregnant woman at 39 weeks was rushed from a health facility to Shai-Osudoku hospital due to preeclampsia seizures and required an emergency CS to save mother and baby. The team tries to stabilize the mother while preparing her for theatre. The husband pleads he needs his wife even if the baby dies. After stabilizing the woman doctors realized foetal heart was very low and going through all the procedures before the baby is removed baby might have died. The mother agreed that they should save the baby at expense of her life

1. How does the doctor and or midwife reconcile both demands of the mother and the husband
2. How will the doctor solve this maternal and foetal dilemma
3. What are the factors that could affect a person's ability in making an informed decision
4. At what point does a clinician's independent decision outweigh the patient
5. Is there any ethical principles or backing that gives the doctor the right to make a decision irrespective of the mother's or father's decision in this case (globally, nationally, specific setting)
6. what are the consequences of the decision that is taken by the provider a. to the family
- b. health delivery system

Focus Group Discussion Guide

The purpose of this study is to try to explore how ethical decisions are made when faced with a maternal-foetal conflict situation in your facility. This conflict situation may arise when the interest of the mother varies or poses harm to the life of the foetus or vice versa.

During this focus group, we are trying to get your opinions about the different maternal-foetal conflict situations you have encountered in your working environment. We are very interested in your opinions because you have all provided maternal-foetal care and you are knowledgeable in your field of work. First, we will talk as a group and we will have a few questions to prompt conversation. After a group talk, we will talk with each of you individually to see what your opinion is about each of the different maternal-foetal conflict experienced. We would like you to remember the following about this focus group meeting:

1. We are reporting what the group says and the individual opinions in reports to other university and or for publication will not use your names in reports. The only piece of identifiable information would be connecting answers with the maternal-foetalmaternal-foetal conflict situations you worked on; that means that only people who are familiar with the details of this research project could possibly identify you and what your opinion is.

3. We plan to have a tape recording of this focus group to help us with taking notes.

This recording will not be shared outside the research team without your permission.

4. There are no right or wrong answers here. If you disagree with each other, we would like to hear it because it will help us give better recommendations.

Focus Group Prompts

1. What kind of instances involving maternal-foetal conflict come to mind?
2. Do you have any knowledge of any ethical, judicial, or social frameworks that have been applied (at the international, governmental, or institutional levels) in situations involving maternal-foetal conflict?
3. What are the ethical, legal and social confederations taken during maternal-foetalmaternal-foetal conflict? (Autonomy, Justice, Beneficence and Non-Maleficence) probe.
4. Have you ever taken part in a maternal-foetal conflict situation's decisionmaking process?
Probe
5. What would you do and why if you could alter only one aspect of the maternal-foetal scenario decision-making process at your facility?
6. What were some of the most difficult issues that needed to be resolved before making the choice?