Outline

Introduction

Give a background providing brief explanation on:

* the types and role of midwifes in providing personalized care to expectant mothers be it at home, clinic, hospital, or birth center (Oakley and Houd).
* the circumstances that necessitate their involvement such as need for physical, psychological, and social well-being throughout the pregnancy period.

Factors involved in making final decision

* Choosing between a medical professional midwife such as Certified Nurse Midwife or Lay Midwife that has not gone through any established curriculum
* Managing Eventualities such as the need for technological interventions, and the need for obstetrical attention among others (De Vries).
* Availability of Post-Natal Care
* Insurance: the need for insurance to take care of the eventualities

Why the factors are important

* Certified Nurse Midwife is school trained and is available in hospital setting; often work in a team. Lay Midwife looks at birth as a natural process and often works in home environment; may work without insurance.
* The process of giving birth may result in complications such as extreme pain. The management of the process differs depending on the type of midwife.
* It is essential to have a midwife that will facilitate availability of services to the newborn and the mother to ensure quality care (Raisler and Holly 115).
* Insurance is significant in avoiding unexpected expenses resulting from complications.

Difference for someone else in two different social situations

* Someone from a wealthy society and one from a society struggling to make ends meet
* Those struggling with finances may prefer lay midwifes as they lower expenses such as the need for insurance (Wolfson 909).

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