



Evidence-based practice

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Statement of the standard

Every healthcare professional caring for infants and their families delivers care based on the best available evidence, integrated with clinical expertise, available resources and the wishes of the family.

Benefits

- Facilitated individualisation of care
- Assured quality of healthcare



For parents and family

- Parents are informed about the contribution of evidence to clinical decision making, including evidence-based practice (EBP) and its limitations by healthcare professionals.
- Parents and families are equal partners in healthcare decision making.



For healthcare professionals

- The principles of evidence-based practice (EBP), implementation of evidence-based policies and a critical attitude to personal practice are understood by all healthcare professionals.



For neonatal unit

- Educators, healthcare providers, and those in positions of leadership have appraisal skills commensurate with higher training and continued practice.
- All unit guidelines are evidence based and regularly updated.



For health service

- Easy access to electronic databases to support EBP is provided.



For hospital

- Training that supports EBP is ensured for educators, healthcare providers, and those in positions of leadership.



For education provider

- Undergraduate and graduate curricula include the "five-step model" of EBP.
- Parents are given the opportunity to review and revise curricula.

