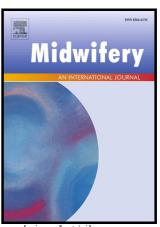
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Abstract

Midwifery students with perinatal palliative care education develop a skillset to provide holistic midwifery care to women and families who are experiencing stillbirth or life-limiting fetal diagnoses. This paper presents a model of perinatal palliative care in a United States midwifery education program. By utilizing evidence based practices and national programs, perinatal palliative care can be threaded through midwifery curricula to achieve international standards of practice and competencies. Most importantly, enhancing perinatal palliative care education will better prepare future midwives for when a birth outcome is not what was expected at the outset of a pregnancy.

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