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| Topics: **Implementing best practices** |
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| **The importance of training student midwives in Bereavement -  United Kingdom** |
| **Lockey, Chantal**1 *1 - The Foundation for Infant Loss Training.* |
| **Objectives of the session** An overview of the importance in bereavement education to student midwives. The Foundation for Infant Loss training has trained thousands of student midwives at British Universities over the last decade. Previously there were no formal, compulsory element in midwifery education. Our argument would be, how can midwives best assist their families when they have no education or preparation themselves? . In 2014 we carried out a study which highlighted student midwives concerns in assisting with a infant loss. These were: The likely physical appearance of baby, how to keep an emotional check on ones being, what to say and what not to say and finally how to ensure we give the family the best experience that in can be in, in terms of memory making. The Foundation for Infant Loss Training provides a one day workshop to student midwives at British universities to instill high levels of confidence and addresses ALL of the above mentioned concerns. We also inject a high level of empathy by giving a honest and frank parents perspective of the loss of her own daughter to SIDS.  **Content of the session** An extract of our study day  **Method and extent of audience participation** Workshop or presentation  **Proposed content area and why it is important to participants** 17 babies die to stillbirth every day in the UK. Over 250 families lose a much loved baby to SIDS in the UK every year. Due to a lack of education, levels of bereavement care are are a "geographical lottery" and this is something we are working hard to change. We believe that by educating student midwives, who are fresh and early on in their careers, that ultimately we can raise levels of bereavement care meaning that families are better care for. |
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