

## **QUALITATIVE METHODS UNIT**

### **Understanding Women's Experiences, ideas, attitudes and Opinions about their prenatal care and childbirth in the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

#### **Objectives:**

At the completion of this unit the participant will be able to determine whether an article that purports (or dismisses) to understand the reasons for pattern of practice has drawn conclusions that are both *valid* (true) and *applicable* (sensible and feasible) in your own clinical practice.

#### **Assignment:**

1. Read the Clinical Scenario.
2. Compose a well-built clinical (foreground) question about the clinical problem.
3. Complete a literature search using the headings from your well-built clinical question.
4. Read the EBCP Manual reference articles. Additional background materials regarding an introduction to the essentials of qualitative inquiry are cited.
5. Complete the attached EBCP Worksheet.
6. Determine whether the result of this qualitative research would change your approach to your patient care.

#### **Clinical Scenario:**

You are a family doctor who provides obstetrical care within a group. The group is considering providing group prenatal care during the last 5 weeks of care. Members of the group are concerned how this will be perceived by the patients.

#### **Enclosed Materials:**

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2. Rowan M, Huston P. Qualitative research articles: information for authors and peer reviewers. *Can Med Assoc J* 1997; 157:1442-6.
3. Mays N, Pope C. Qualitative research in health care: assessing quality in qualitative research. *BMJ* 2000;320:50-52.