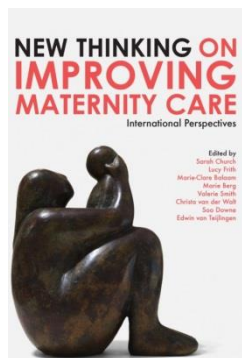


New Thinking on Improving Maternity Care: International Perspectives

Pinter & Martin Publishers proudly announce the launch in early 2017 of *New Thinking on Improving Maternity Care: International Perspectives*. This edited volume is the result of comparative international research, with the goal of finding and generating the best possible evidence across a range of childbirth practices, contexts, and issues in Europe. There is a general shift towards a more risk-averse approach to childbirth globally, but this is occurring at different rates in population attitudes and in use of childbirth technologies, in different countries. The drivers to such changes can also vary from country to country, but the clinical, social and economic consequences are similar.

New Thinking on Improving Maternity Care offers a new set of theories to explain the nature of maternity care provision, including complexity theory, salutogenesis, and new concepts of organisational culture. The aim of the book is to examine the nature of these theories, and the contributors examine and apply these in 11 chapters linking to a range of practical situations in a number of different countries.

The editors originate from a range of countries which have different ways of organising maternity care and midwifery. This book is associated with cross-national research involving 100 members from 26 countries funded by COST Action IS0907 “Childbirth Cultures, Concerns & Consequences”. COST Action aims to advance scientific knowledge about ways of improving maternity care provision and outcomes for mothers, babies and families.



Lead editor Associate Prof. Sarah Church (London South Bank University & Barts Health) said: “We hope our fascinating book will become required reading for maternity professionals, activists and policy-makers”.

Prof. Soo Downe noted: “We are grateful to COST Action having the foresight to fund our cross-national research.”

Prof. Edwin van Teijlingen added: It is comparative research like this that shows we often have more in common than that we differ. Hence there is much to learn from other countries.”

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