

Development of quality indicators for Belgian midwives in antenatal and postnatal care



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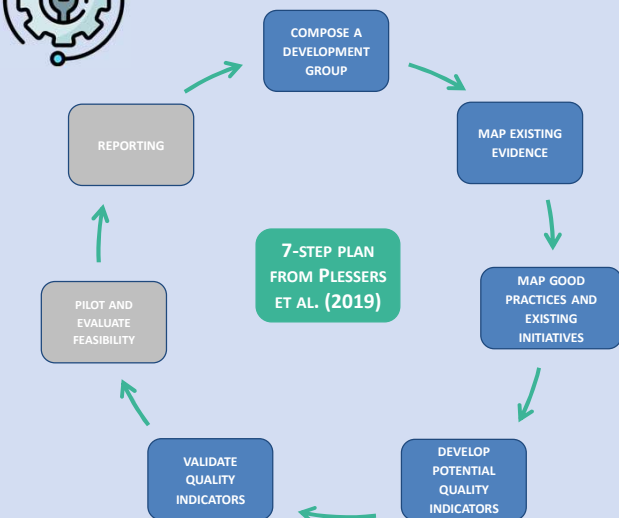


BACKGROUND AND AIM

Implementation of evidence-based guidelines into midwifery practice is often a challenge but can be facilitated by the development of quality indicators (= standardized, evidence-based measures of the quality of care). The objective of this project was to develop quality indicators for midwives in the antenatal and postnatal care in Belgium, focusing on low-risk pregnancies and postpartum.



METHODOLOGY

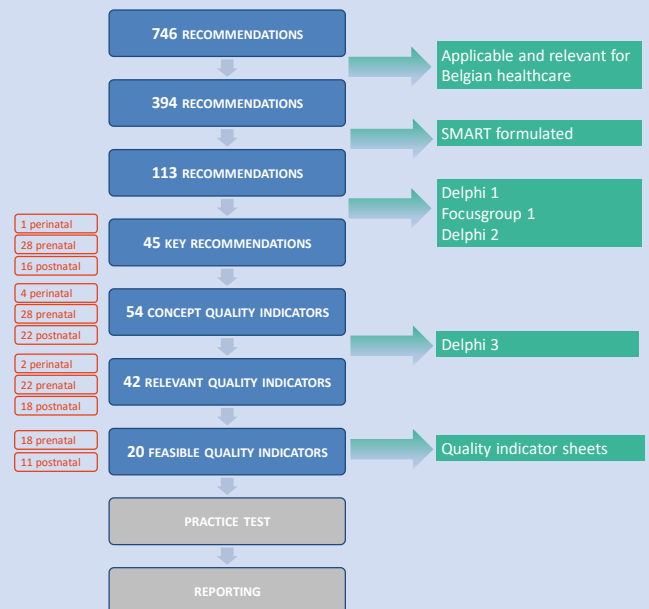


- Quality assessment of guidelines (AGREE)
- Screening on SMART criteria (double blind)
- Rand-modified Delphi method (n=3)
- Focusgroup discussion



RESULTS

7 guidelines and 1 report on perinatal care



DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The implementation of quality indicators in midwifery care offers an evidence-based approach, facilitates an integrated view on perinatal care and promotes a healthy start for woman and child. Monitoring and benchmarking these quality indicators can assist health care providers, organizations and governmental agencies to improve the quality of perinatal care. However, a well-elaborated and concrete implementation strategy is required to anchor these quality indicators into midwifery practice.



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