

Call for Abstract – example

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Topic: Bringing Baby Home

What is the problem in practice or improvement to be addressed by this learning activity?

Historically the after-death care of a stillborn baby or infant was undertaken by families in our Western societies. As our birthing practices became medicalised, so too did the funeral practices for our babies and infants, resulting in the now common practice of families leaving their deceased baby at the hospital and arriving home with empty arms. In the last five years, there has been a growing interest around the globe in the practice of bringing home our deceased babies for a short period prior to a service or funeral. In some countries, Aotearoa/New Zealand for example, this is a common practice for all of our deceased loved ones, whether adults or children

What do you want learners to do differently following this presentation/session?

This presentation will introduce learners to the concept of bringing baby home as a positive aspect of grieving. Learners will hear from bereaved parents about the impact that bringing their baby home had on their grief, they will also hear about the practical aspects of bringing a deceased baby home – for example, documentation, keeping them cool, and what happens when they are at home.

What is/are the learning outcome(s) of this activity?

Learners will leave the presentation with an increased understanding of why some bereaved parents might want to bring their deceased baby home;

they will be able to describe the impact that the practice had on some bereaved parents' experience of grief;

they will be able to explain the practicalities of bringing a baby home;

and, they will be able to relate the experiences of bereaved parents in the video to parents and families they support, interact and work with following the conference.