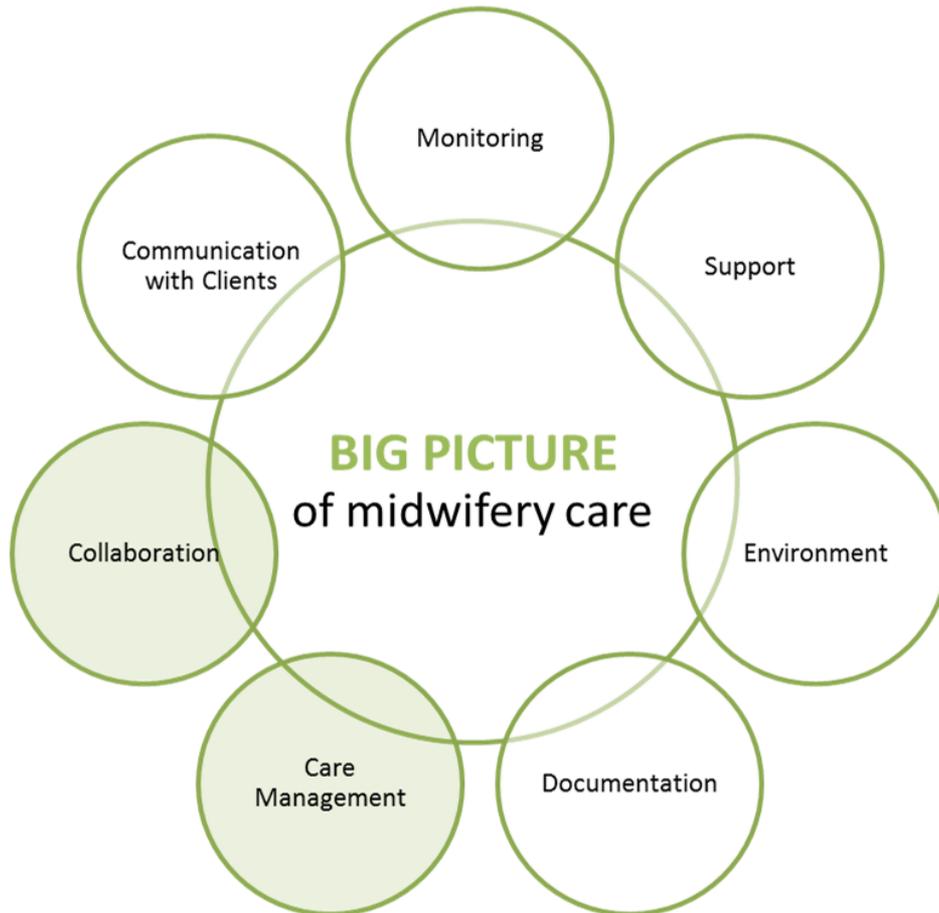
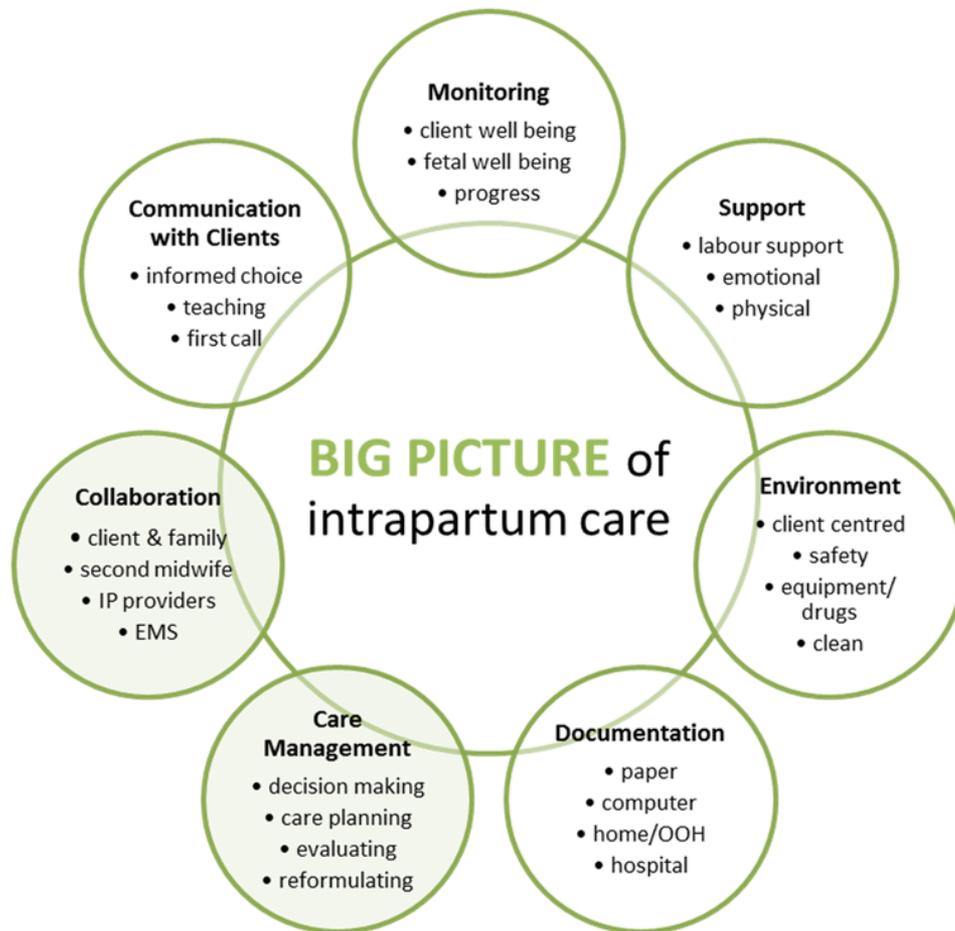


Seeing the Big Picture of Midwifery Care



This simple model breaks down midwifery care into discrete components. It helps the student to understand the midwife's role and responsibilities. Details for each area of responsibility can be added (see reverse). Illustrated as a series of balls balanced around the central concept of midwifery care, this model provides a visual cue for students learning to multi-task and prioritize the elements of midwifery care. It is adaptable to clinical learners at all levels, including the struggling student. It provides a framework for clinical teaching and for feedback and evaluation. The areas shaded in green are the focus of learning in the senior year.

Using the Big Picture learning tool



- Mentor/assist the student to identify and learn the components of midwifery care
- Have the student be responsible for those components where skilled and confident
- Add one new or challenging component at a time until each one is mastered and integrated
- Set discrete goals with the student and a long term plan to be responsible for all components
- Develop a multistep, gradual process for the student to multitask all components at their expected level of competency
- Use this model for student self-reflection and to provide feedback re: progress for each component and overall
- Reformulate goals and expectations for the struggling student to build from their level of skill and confidence, identify priorities and make a staged learning plan