

Being with Those Dying in Perinatal Care

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At the front lines of perinatal care, the percentage of unexpected miscarriages and stillbirths remains around 15%, no matter how much medical technology advances. Perinatal care support staff watch over births, while on the other hand they experience substantial infant deaths.

This study revealed the feelings of midwives regarding their experiences assisting with stillbirths. Further, dialogue among midwives with similar experiences were described in order to clarify the sense of caring that they had in the past, which they had not been conscious of later, and which had not been clarified by existing research.

Between midwife and patient care addition, by really facing each other, to support oneself was to become “a place” of experience. In addition, the care itself, the holy and lively experience of “touching lives,” was said to occur. Finally, based on the structure of experience spoken of above, perinatal care regarding “life” care is discussed.