

# Abstract Details

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## Abstract title:

An initiative in the Francophonie to make midwives and their discipline visible

## Biography

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## Purpose

- present the creation of a Collection of books directed by a midwives' committee from some continents and French-speaking countries
- show the potential of this initiative for midwives and their specific discipline
- encourage midwives' visibility within their professional community
- promote a better knowledge of the profession to a wider audience

## Discussion

The collection of books targeted by midwives dedicated to their discipline is important in the form of a space to talk, discuss and reflect that can be shared by all. Themes that are brought can echo within a public sensitive to questions about women's health issues, including maternity/parenthood and reproductive rights. Midwives of the steering committee are insuring the pertinence, the quality and the interest of the Collection. Readers will get to know midwives' works from the French-speaking world, notably researches, thesis and other types of publications. Midwives will capture better the importance of research in order to move further the profession and to feel proud of their professional identity. It should also allow stakeholders to value midwifery profession. Beyond many different situations, speaking the same language is supporting a common framework to share knowledges and reflections. Moreover, this Collection is contributing to strengthening relationships between French-speaking midwives' associations of ICM. It is certainly a model of midwives' leadership.

## Application to midwifery practice, education or regulation/policy

Teachers of midwifery should transmit the importance of doing research, sharing knowledges and publishing in order to make midwifery visible and to make midwives proud of their profession

## Evidence if relevant

4 books published between 2020 and 2021 and 2 others expected till the end of 2022, illustrating the relevance of this initiative.

**Key message**

Publishing one's own work is an occasion for a francophone midwife to be known as an author. Using french language is a way to get the interest of the francophone readers to midwifery

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