Basics Series Study Sheet

Understanding consent and mental capacity

1. Identify the key European Convention of Human Rights ‘articles’ that would primarily relate to maternity care.

2. Explain the key points of consent and mental capacity.

3. Identify and describe the dimensions of consent and how mental capacity is assessed.

4. Define acquiescence.

5. Imagine you are explaining to a friend, can you describe the role of the midwife in protecting women's human rights in childbirth- what it means, what it looks like, and what type of activities would constitute protecting those rights.