

From the Editor

Finding the time to write can be challenging, especially for busy midwives and students. The demands of birthwork are many and unpredictable, and writing often calls for a lengthier, uninterrupted chunk of time. Case reviews are articles perhaps ideally suited to the life of a midwife-writer, and in this issue we debut our first: "Special Belly Buttons: A Case Review of Gastroschisis and Omphalocele." The case review takes as its departure point a unique, challenging, or particularly relevant case and its management. Presentation of the case is followed by a review of current research and literature, and recommendations for clinical practice. When midwives encounter an unusual clinical situation, researching standards of care and current literature is a usual first step. This research to optimize client care is the core foundation of the case review. Read this current issue's case review not only for the information it contains, but also with an eye towards its structure and format. Consider whether you, too, may have a case you would like to share! More details about the case review format (including how to obtain client permission) are online in the Author Instructions and Style Guide, or you can get in touch with editorial staff directly.

Midwifery Matters is also excited to announce two new opportunities: guest writing for the Research Updates department, and a volunteer editorial internship for those interested in learning more about the publication process and developing editing skills. The guest writer position brings current and relevant research to practicing midwives. You'll write reviews of your choice of articles published in the last 6 to 12 months, including peer-reviewed articles, key reports, new practice guidelines, and major opinion statements. The Editorial Internship lasts 6 months, or the duration of preparing an issue of MM. The intern will help select cover art, create an annual calendar of events, update social media pages, assist in identifying potential literature for review in Research Updates, and may also work on developmental projects for MM. Additional specialized editorial training, including copyediting skills and peer review management, can be included based on interest. If you would like to learn more about either of these opportunities, please email me at ana@birthwisemidwifery.edu. Happy reading!



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Content is designed to keep readers current on research, clinical practice, and professional and political issues relevant to the midwife practicing in the home or birth center setting. Much of the research and writing is the work of Birthwise students, faculty, and alumni.

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