

Interview Guide and sociodemographic characteristics (health professionals - hospital)

Date of Interview:		Place of Interview:	
Start time:		End time:	
Name of Interviewer:		File name/Interview code:	:
Position of Interviewee:			

Introduction

- Thank participant for participation and time
- Outline aim of the study
- Interview duration approximately 60 minutes
- Ask for open questions/concerns
- Emphasise that questions can be asked at anytime
- Emphasise that participant can choose not to answer any question(s) which makes them feel uncomfortable
- Emphasise that you will ask a question, will listen, not interrupt until participant has finished talking

Theme: Experiences working with LBW infants and families in the hospital

Invitation to narrate: Caring for sick babies can be rewarding but at the same time also very challenging. I am interested in your experiences. Can you tell me how it is for you to provide care for LBW infants here in the MBU?

- Challenges/stressors in the care of LBW infants & their families
- Coping technics to overcome stressors
- Parent/family member involvement (family centred care)
- Expectations from authorities/policies

Theme: Discharge of LBW infants

Invitation to narrate: For parents leaving the hospital with a LBW infant can be a joyous but also a bit of a scary, challenging moment. Can you tell me how a normal discharge process looks like?

- People involved in discharge process (parents/caregivers/health professionals/stakeholders)
- Needs/key topics for parent education/counselling
- Guidelines/standards (national, international)
- Referral system/referral letter
- Networking/collaboration with CHPS zones/community health centres
- Opinion, what challenges parents/family members of LBW infants face after discharge

Theme: Facilitators/Barriers

Invitation to narrate: How is work at the MBU? What works well and where is improvement needed?

- Staff shortage, Supplies, resource allocation
- Coping technics
- Basic/further education/in-service training
- Recommendations for improvements
- Expectations from authorities/policies

General probes

- Would you tell me how you define it, so I have it in your words?
- That is interesting, can you please tell me more about it?
- If you recall, could you tell me how you learned to handle this xxx
- When you were discussing...can you tell me how that made you feel?"
- You mentioned earlier that...can you explore that in a little more detail?"
- You stated that...can you explain what you meant by that?"
- You said that...how did that affect you?"

At the end of the interview

- Is there something you like to share which I have not ask you about/we have not discussed so far?
- Is there something you like to ask me?

- Thank respondent for his/her time, willingness to participate and sharing his/her knowledge
- Ask respondent if he/she is willing, if required, to be interviewed again at a later stage of the research
 - Yes No

- Ask participants if he/she is interested in the results
 - Yes No

Socio demographics				
Health professional				
Age of health professional:	years	Sex:	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/>
Number of years of working: (Total years of working)	years	Number of years working in this position/ward:	years	
Numbers of years working in HMH		Previous work experiences (specify place/date)		
Educational background: (specify)		Year/Place of education: (specify place/date)		
Further education: (eg. Special pediatric/Neonatal care)		Year/Place of education: (specify place/date)		