

“I didn’t think it was what my story would be” : A qualitative analysis of maternity patients’ experiences in critical care

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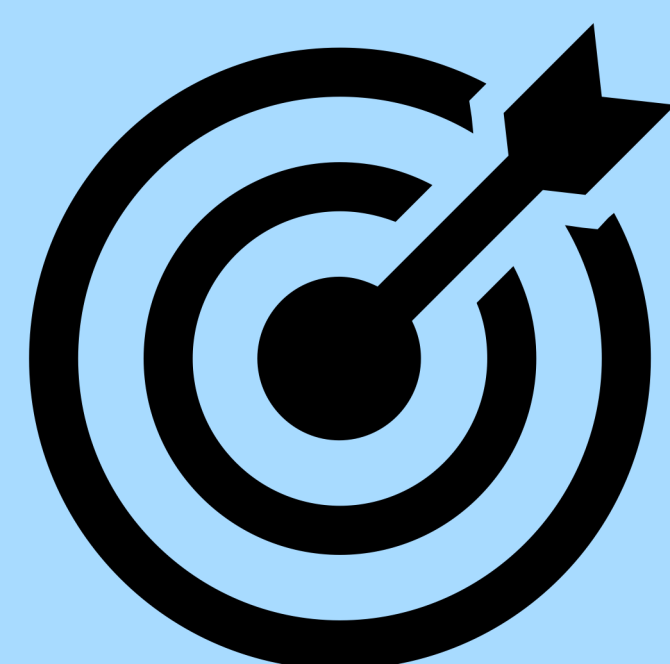


Background

Maternal critical care admission associated with increased risk of adverse outcomes

Clinical course well described

Emotional, social and cognitive experiences less understood



Aim

Explore lived experiences of maternity patients admitted to intensive care



Study Design and Methods



Quality improvement
Caldicott approval
Maternity patients admitted to intensive care 2022-2023
Exclusions

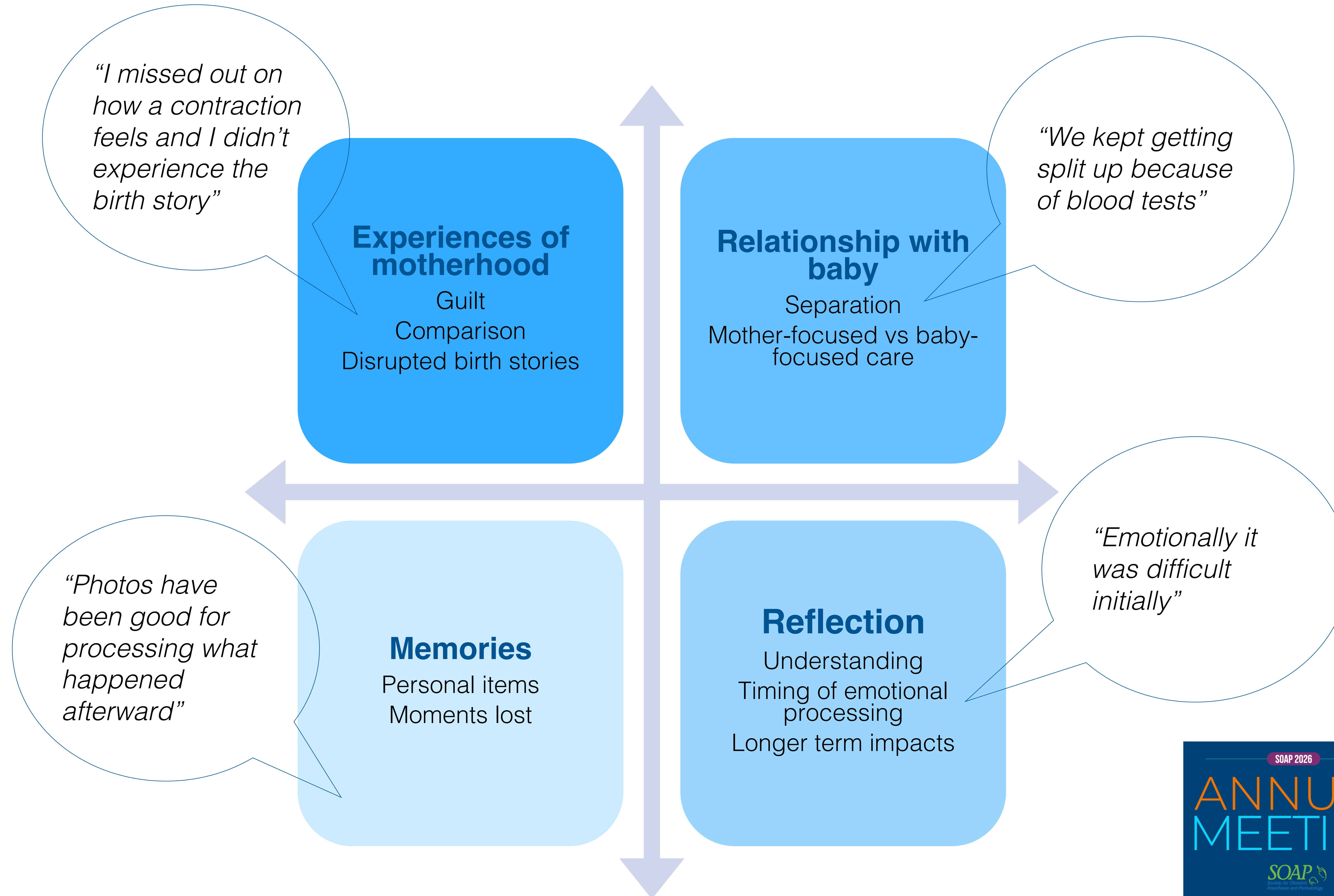


1:1 interviews, focus groups, semi-structured telephone
or secure email discussions
Written consent
Inductive thematic analysis

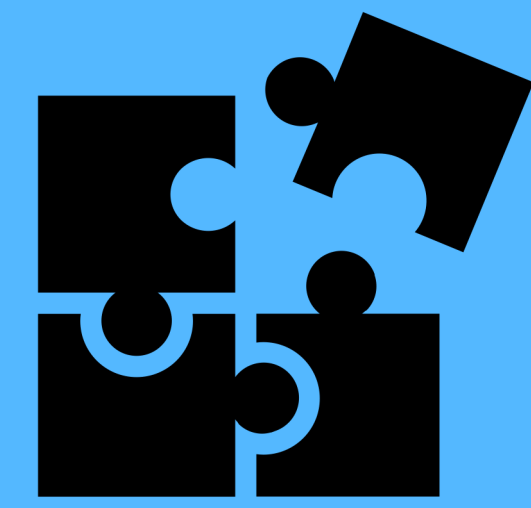




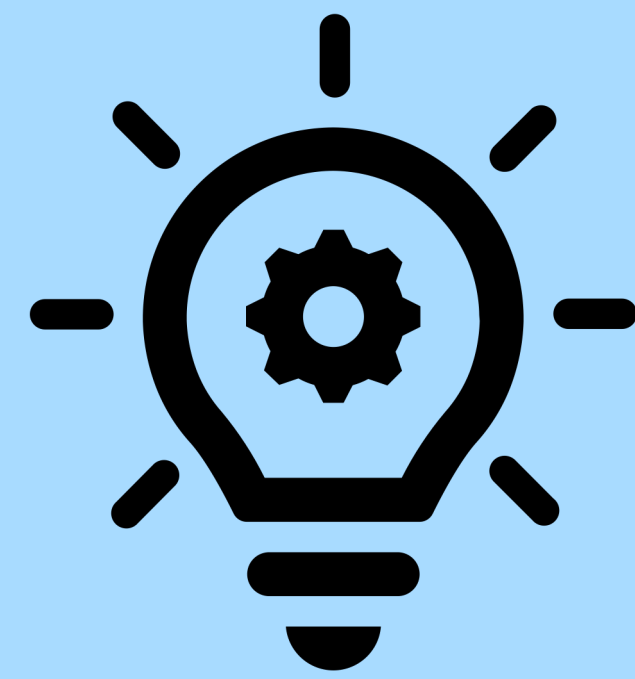
Results



Conclusion and Discussion



Storytelling helps us to make sense of a situation
Creates community
Supports maternal identity
Personal items aid recall and interpretation



Future directions

Peer support
Sharing birth stories
Structured written timelines
Critical care follow up

