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Maternal and newborn morbidly and mortality in Ghana remain high. The aim of this study was to understand what Ghanaian midwives understand quality maternity care to be, and to describe and explain the barriers that exist at all organisational levels to the provision of quality maternity care in Ghana.

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Glaserian Grounded Theory was used for this study. Data were collected in interviews with midwives in several Ghanaian maternity care sites and through non-participant observation in clinical maternity care areas. Data that were relevant to the research question were extracted as first level codes; these were then organised into sub-themes, which were then collapsed into themes that together, tell the story of how Ghanaian midwives describe and explain both quality maternity care and the barriers to its provision. Contextual factors that impact quality maternity care delivery were also identified.

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20 midwives from 8 Ghanaian maternity care sites participated in this study. The data resulted in a middle range Grounded Theory that describes and explains their understanding of what quality maternal newborn care is, the personal, professional, organisational, economic and political barriers to providing it, and the contextual factors at play. The findings will be used to inform strategies to address the challenges identified for the purpose of improving maternal and newborn outcomes.

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