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Re: Comparing Risks of Vaginal Cesarean Birth: A Translational Research Model for Informed Health Care Decision Making

Dear Dr. Mayberry:

Recently you sent your manuscript for consideration in the special Eastern Nursing Research Society Supplement to Nursing Research. The review of your manuscript is complete and the comments of the reviewers are attached.

In addition, we have the following suggestions for improving the manuscript:

Overall:

This is an article that fits within the scope and presentation of a Best Practice Review in Nursing Research, which has a page limitation of 7 -9 pages.

Page 3 - The purpose defined under "objectives" needs to reflect what the goal of the paper more succinctly. Limiting and clarifying the scope of the presentation under "Purpose" may be more helpful.

Page 3 - The model presented needs to have a separate heading, expanded on briefly in total and linked to the Figure 1 presented. Discussion should focus on the phase being reported in this study. The model has many steps. Which steps are you focusing on? If all of the steps are to be addressed they could then become the headings that guide the organization of the manuscript to follow

Also, consider adding some type of feedback loop to the model which suggests that the strategies used to evaluate the program inform the initial steps of the model. Also be sure to label the actual figure "Figure 1.

Page 3 - Look at the "Problem": Heading - This should clearly reflect the scope of your discussion. Consider the discussion above. Will each of the steps of the model be

addressed? If so, then each of the headings to follow are guided by the Model. Consider the model as an example of the development and dissemination of an evidenced based booklet. It is the application of research to practice. Page 6, under "Project Plan" seems to suggest this direction. This may also change the title of the Presentation.

Pages 7 - 10 - Consider streamlining and synthesizing the review of literature under "Protocol and Review".

Page 10 - Under "Decision Aid" discussion suggests the literature evidence that guided the booklet development. This should be streamlined.

Page 11 - Under "Dissemination" consider including additional information on how the information (booklets) were distributed to whom...

Pages 12-13 - Expansion is needed on how the booklet was evaluated or what the proposed evaluation plan will be.

Page 13 - Also consider a heading called "Impact" based on what your findings and include an "Implications and Recommendations" discussion for future use of the booklet and the model as you used it.

Please revise your manuscript based on the reviews and resubmit the manuscript to Nursing Research for further consideration. E-mail your revised manuscript with responses to Sherry Handfinger: handfing@email.unc.edu. Explicitly outline how you addressed each of the issues raised by the reviewers.

Please also note the enclosed Checklist for Style.

Please send us a revision of your manuscript by **October 1, 2005**. If you are unable to do so, we will remove your manuscript from the review process for the ENRS Nursing Research supplement. Let us know if you have any questions or need further information at this time (Dorothy.jones@bc.edu, Djones9@partners.org, or Suzanne.bakken@dbmi.columbia.edu). We look forward to receiving your revised submission.

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