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## Stellingen

### Thesis

Hospital Midwives: an examination of the role, diversity and practice conditions of Dutch hospital midwives.

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1. Clinical midwives supervise almost half of all births occurring in hospitals in the Netherlands. (this thesis)
2. The current Health Practitioners Law does not adequately reflect the work of contemporary clinical midwives. (this thesis)
3. Significant differences exist between hospital midwives and primary care midwives in the elements of job satisfaction. (this thesis)
4. Because maternity care providers are pessimistic regarding collaboration in multidisciplinary teams of the future (this thesis), the development of new models of integrated maternity services must seek to ensure full and satisfactory participation of all involved.
5. All hospitals with maternity care should have midwives 24/7. (The Lancet, Vol. 384, No. 9949, p1226–1235)
6. Like all professions, midwives should determine their own future.
7. Proposed new models of integrated maternity care should be driven by concerns for safety and the satisfaction of women and care providers, not by costs.
8. To ensure safe levels of care for pregnant women in the hospital setting, minimum standards of midwifery practice and staffing-levels need to be introduced.
9. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. (Arthur Ashe)
10. "O wad some power the giftie gie us, to see oersels as ithers see us!" Or, in simple, modern English, "I wish for a power this gift to give us: Being able to see ourselves the way other people see us." (Robert Burns, Scottish poet).

