Developing the Birth Unit Design Spatial Evaluation Tool (BUDSET) in Australia: A Qualitative Study


Key Concepts/Context
A tool is needed to assess the “optimality” of the design of birth units. One is not currently available.

Methods
Data to inform the development of the tool was collected via a literature review; interviews with architects, midwives, clinicians, and researchers; and discussions with an expert panel. Data collected were synthesized using a format based on A Pattern Language.

Findings
A useful instrument was developed.

Design Implications
Use the instrument developed to assess birth units!

Limitations
The validity and reliability of the tool developed have not yet been assessed.