TITLE:

RISK MANAGEMENT IN OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY

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Risk Management is defined as the process whereby an organization anticipates the potential for injuries or losses and acts to avoid those injuries before and/ or to ameliorate them after they occur. There are many evidences that Health Care should adopt the principle of Risk Management.

Objectives of Risk Management:

- Minimize risk to quality of service and patient outcomes
- Ensure provision of a safe and effective service
- Manage risks in partnership with patients, staff, the community and other healthcare providers
- Seek to learn from mistakes and not to blame

The Risk Management Process:

- Risk identification
- Risk Analysis
- Risk Treatment
- Risk Register
- The National Context

Most errors go unnoticed or unreported.
No doctor or nurse comes to work to harm a patient, that is the very last thing they would want to do.

Conclusion: To err is human. To cover up is unforgivable. To fail to learn is inexcusable.