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## Friday Research Seminar in Africa Studies

### **‘Institutional gaps’**

# **A qualitative study on attitudes and perceptions on vacuum extraction in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

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Vacuum extraction (VE) is a popular technique of assisted vaginal delivery aimed at shortening the length of second stage of labour. In Tanzania, 9% of all maternal deaths are caused by complications of prolonged and obstructed labour. A general trend of reduction of VE rate has been seen in developing countries.

The seminar is based on a study of health care professionals' perspective on VE, aimed to assess personal, cultural and structural factors hindering or aiding the use of VE and evaluate a possible future intervention. The study, conducted at the largest consultant hospitals in Tanzania, reflects on the “institutional gaps” affecting updates of clinical guidelines, research and teaching in the practical use of VE.

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