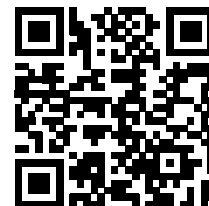


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Midwifery in Medieval Times



In medieval England, the role of _____ was significantly different from today. Most women were expected to marry and take care of their _____. However, one of the few professions open to them was _____. Midwives played a crucial role in society, as they were responsible for assisting in the _____ of children. They often learned their skills through apprenticeship rather than formal _____.

Midwives not only helped during childbirth, but they also provided _____ advice to women. Their knowledge was based on experience and traditional _____. Despite their important role, midwives were sometimes viewed with _____. This was partly because of the high infant and mother mortality rates, which were common during that _____.

Interestingly, midwives had a certain level of _____. They made decisions about the birthing process and sometimes acted as the only _____ practitioner present. However, their autonomy also made them vulnerable to accusations of _____, especially if a birth resulted in tragedy.

The church played a significant role in shaping the perception of midwives. Initially, the church supported midwifery, as it aligned with the Christian value of _____. But over time, the church began to restrict and regulate their practices, especially as more _____ physicians entered the field of obstetrics.

Midwifery in medieval England reflects the broader theme of women's roles in society. It highlights the limited but vital positions women could hold and the social and _____ influences that shaped their lives. Despite the challenges, medieval midwives were essential in ensuring the continuation of life, a testament to the resilience and importance of women in _____.

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