



Understanding Lesbian Experience

What Perinatal Nurses Should
Know to Promote Women's Health

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I can't remember all the details of the experience because I wasn't assigned to this woman and her partner that night shift. It was about eight to nine years ago. I do, however, remember the dynamics on the unit that evening. They were uncomfortable, disrespectful.

I was working in the U.S. as a perinatal nurse in labor and childbirth. The couple was lesbian, although they didn't overtly acknowledge this to their nurse. I understood why. Although many of

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