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Unit Title:	Medicalisation of Pregnancy		
Graded Unit Code:	GA33HEA09	Ungraded Unit Code:	UA33HEA09
Pathway(s):	Heath		
Module(s):	Sociology		
Level:	3	Credit Value:	3
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The following QAA grade descriptors must be applied if you are delivering the graded version of this unit:

1	Understanding of the subject
2	Application of knowledge
4	Use of information
7	Quality

LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the historical development of midwifery practice	1.1 Discuss the main historical periods in the development of midwifery practice
	1.2 Evaluate the changing role of the midwife over time
2. Understand the development of the biomedical approach in midwifery practice	2.1 Discuss the development of the NHS and its role in the medicalization of pregnancy and childbirth
	2.2 Analyse the main advantages of medicalised, institutional services for pregnancy and childbirth
3 Understand concerns about issues surrounding the medicalization of pregnancy and childbirth	3.1 Evaluate the main criticisms put forward against medical intervention in pregnancy and childbirth
	3.2 Discuss recent developments in midwifery practice.

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