



SEPTEMBER 2018 REGISTRANT HANDBOOK UPDATES

Standards, Limits and Conditions for Prescribing, Ordering and Administering Therapeutics

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This entry has been updated to include specific dosing and formulas for various hydrocortisone compounds, for the treatment of hemorrhoids, polymorphic eruption of pregnancy (PEP- formerly known as pruritic urticarial papules and plaques of pregnancy (PUPP)) and nipple damage.

Standards for Ordering and Interpreting Diagnostic Tests

TPO Antibodies

Clarity has been provided with regards to when to order TPO antibodies based on the 2017 *Guidelines of the American Thyroid Association for the Diagnosis and Management of Thyroid Disease During Pregnancy and the Postpartum*.

CCHD Screening

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Pulse oximetry screening (POS) is a safe, painless and non-invasive way to screen newborns for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD). Although POS for CCHD is not universally implemented across British Columbia, it is standard of care in many BC hospitals and recommended by the Canadian Pediatric Society. Midwives carry pulse oximeters and have been offering it in the home setting; however, CMBC identified a need to standardize a testing protocol and reference range. A new entry has been added to guide registrants in providing CCHD screening at home.

Bile Acids

In June 2018, the Ministry of Health announced the addition of a fee code for Bile Acids to the Midwives Laboratory Services Referral Schedule as requested by the Standards of Practice Committee in August 2017. Midwives may now order bile acids independently as per CMBC Standards; please note that clients **must be fasting** prior to collection, and results may take up to a week depending on collection facility site. A delay in results should not impact clinical management of suspected cholestasis.

Framework for Midwife Certification in Epidural Maintenance & Supervisor Assessment Form Epidural Maintenance

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Epidural maintenance has been confirmed to be a competency requiring specialized practice certification as per the *Midwives Regulation*. Midwives managing/maintaining epidurals are required to review this revised framework and submit a completed supervisor assessment form as documentation of training to obtain CMBC specialized practice certification. Once issued, midwives should present it to their hospitals have this privilege added to their site-specific privileging dictionary.



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Policy for Second Birth Attendants

Significant changes have been made to the format of the document and redundant information has been removed. In addition, those who have completed a recognized midwifery education program but have not yet registered with CMBC have been added to the list of potential second birth attendants who may be approved by CMBC's Registrar or Deputy Registrar.

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Policy on Shared Primary Care

This policy has been updated for grammar, process and flow in the context of the *Policy on Alternate Practice Arrangements* and CMBC collected safety data.

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Policy on Alternate Practice Arrangements and Application

Changes to the *Policy on Alternate Practice Arrangements* and the application are presented based on feedback from the first seven applications. Timelines have been removed from the policy and staff may now grant approval of APAs, with the option of escalating to the QA Approval Panel.

Changes to the format of the application have been made to ensure APA applications are complete, consistent and facilitate the submission of as much high-quality information as possible.

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Policy on Reporting a Child in Need of Protection

Links and phone numbers have been verified and updated; language has been made consistent.

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Guideline for Using Electronic Communications to Transmit Client Information

This guideline, with the new name *Guideline for Using Electronic Communications to Transmit Client Information*, now provides clarity regarding informed consent and implied consent with regards to electronic communications between providers. Additional information has been added to the guideline for emailing and faxing.

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Guideline for Participating in Social Media

This guideline was brought forward for review following concerns around midwifery participation in social media bringing discredit to the profession. In response, the guideline was amended to clarify the requirement that professional integrity is maintained always when participating in social media.



Required Equipment and Supplies for Home Birth

Three items have been added: Ring forceps, speculum/vaginal retractor, and portable light source. These items are required to accurately identify and manage a cervical tear. The requirement for suction in the **emergency** birth kit (what a midwife must carry whenever they are in attendance at a labour, regardless of stage of labour or planned place of birth) has been removed. Additional changes to order and flow have been made for ease of reading and categorization.

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