

Updates- Memo to Registrants

Policy/Standard/Guideline
<p><i>Framework for Midwife Certification in Sexually Transmitted Infections Management</i></p> <p>This framework has been updated to include the new online UBC CPD course “Midwifery STI Screening & Treatment” as an approved course for specialized practice certification in Sexually Transmitted Infections Management.</p>
<p><i>Framework for Midwife Certification in Hormonal Contraceptive Therapy</i></p> <p>This framework has been updated to include the new online UBC CPD course “Midwifery Hormonal Contraception” as an approved course for specialized practice certification in Hormonal Contraceptive Therapy.</p>
<p><i>Guideline for the Use of Water in Labour and Birth</i></p> <p>Significant revisions to this guideline have been made to support midwives in their practice of water immersion during labour and birth. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more detailed and specific recommendations according to the stage of labour regarding the additional care required during labour and birth in water; • emphasis on the midwife facilitating informed choice and decision making during the antenatal period with regards to water immersion during labour and birth; • focus on the weight/quality/local applicability of evidence by the midwife when discussing risks/benefits of water immersion in labour and birth; • updated inclusion criteria for water immersion in labour and birth; and • updated references.
<p><i>Policy on New Registrant Requirements</i></p> <p>This policy has been revised so that new registrants may now work exclusively in Alternate Practice Arrangements (APAs). However, new registrants who choose to do so must remain aware of accountable to the requirements as set out in this policy as well as the <i>Policy on Active Practice Requirements</i>, which stipulates attendance at set number of home and hospital births as primary midwife in the first two years of practice.</p>
<p><i>Policy on Alternate Practice Arrangements</i></p> <p>This policy was revised to ensure cohesion with the revisions to the <i>Policy on New Registrant Requirements</i>.</p>
<p><i>Policy on Requests for Care Outside Standards</i></p> <p>This policy, formerly titled the <i>Policy for Client Requests for Care Outside Midwifery Standards of Practice</i>, has been updated to broadly address various types of client requests outside standards using the lens of risk assessment, provides clear decision-making and action points and ensures informed choice decision is held as a central tenant. The term “standards” is broadly defined, and care outside scope is addressed in a general sense through reference to restricted activities.</p>