

Standard 2: The midwife shall delegate and provide supervision to team members according to their competence and scope of practice.

Competencies

- Delegates aspects of care that are commensurate with abilities and scope of practice.
- Uses a range of supportive strategies when supervising aspects of care delegated to others.
- Maintains accountability and responsibility when delegating aspects of care to others.
- Accepts delegated activities in line with one's own competence and scope of practice, avoiding situations that might negatively affect the safety of the mother of infant and circumstances that breach legislation and professional standards.

Domain Five: Quality and Safety Management

Quality management in healthcare works to reduce errors and improve patient care. The safety and effectiveness of treatment are two of the most critical measures of quality. Quality and safety management articulates the requirement that the registered midwife incorporate the best available evidence and assume accountability for improving the quality and safety of the provided healthcare services.

Standard 1: The midwife shall ensure that midwifery practice meets organizational and international quality and safety standards and guidelines and participates in continuous quality improvement.

Competencies

- Practices in accordance with approved quality standards and guidelines reflecting recognized evidence-based best practices.
- Acts immediately and appropriately in accordance with the national and/or institutional disaster plan, as needed.
- Ensures a safe environment by reporting actual and potential risks, and takes timely action to meet national legislation and workplace health and safety principles. This includes understanding the methodology for conducting maternal and infant death reviews and near-miss audits.
- Acknowledges own limitations in knowledge, judgment, and skills, and functions within those limitations.