

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 or 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.

- Participates in ongoing quality assurance and risk management initiatives.
- Exercises awareness of significant changes in maternal and new-born services and their influence on midwives' practices.
- Assumes the delivery of quality maternity care directly or indirectly in all settings, including hospitals, community clinical settings, and women's homes.
- Awareness of the importance of completing, storing, and retaining records.

Standard 2: The midwife shall use comprehensive professional knowledge and skills to provide safe care for the mother and her newborn.

Competencies

- Acts where the safety of care is compromised and, where necessary, reports risky behaviours that might compromise the safety of women and their families.
- Communicates and records safety concerns to the relevant authority and documents response.
- Reports actual and potential risks, and takes timely action to meet national legislation and national health and safety principles.
- Adheres to and implements infection control policies and procedures.
- Maintains updated documentation and records of all procedures and care provided.

Domain Six: Health Education and Promotion

Health education, as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO), is 'any combination of learning experiences designed to help individuals and communities improve their health, by increasing their knowledge or influencing their attitudes'. In principle, people can learn to behave in a manner conducive to the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health (WHO, 2012).

Health promotion also enables people to increase control over their own health. It covers a wide range of social and environmental interventions designed to benefit and protect an individual's health and quality of life by addressing and preventing the root causes of ill health and not merely focusing on treatment and cure.