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College of Midwives of Ontario Statement on Interprofessional Care

The College of Midwives of Ontario supports interprofessional care for its potential contribution to improved delivery and quality of care. The CMO will undertake activities to facilitate midwives' participation in interprofessional care.

Midwives have a regulatory framework that requires consultation and referral to physicians and other caregivers when appropriate; therefore midwives have day-to-day experience with collaborative relationships.

Midwives are the only maternity care profession group whose sole activity is primary maternity care; therefore midwives have extensive experience with models and methods for delivery of primary maternity care in a team of caregivers.

The Multidisciplinary Collaborative Primary Maternity Care Project (MCP2) definition of the multidisciplinary collaborative primary maternity care model:

“The model is designed to promote the active participation of each discipline in providing quality care. It is woman-centred, respects the goals and values of women and their families, provides mechanisms for continuous communication among caregivers, optimizes caregiver participation in clinical decision-making (within and across disciplines), and fosters respect for the contribution of all disciplines.”

and the *Principles of the Multidisciplinary Collaborative Primary Maternity Care Model*, (MCP2, May 2006), reflect and embody the foundational principles of the midwifery profession in Ontario. Midwives choosing to participate in interprofessional care projects will offer expertise in the application of these principles and practices.