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## **Policy on Student Participation in Client Care**

The registered midwife is fully responsible for all clinical care provided by the student whether the midwife is providing direct or indirect supervision.

As a part of informed choice discussions, the CMO expects that the client's permission is obtained to allow for any or all levels of student involvement.

### **As One of Two Midwives at the Birth**

Students of the Midwifery Education Program (MEP) and the International Midwifery Pre-Registration Program (IMPP) who are in the programs' Clerkship may provide care in the role of one of the two midwives at the birth, provided that a registered midwife is on site and taking full responsibility for clinical care throughout the labour, birth and immediate postpartum. The student may provide care in the capacity of either primary or second midwife.

At hospital births only, students of the MEP who are in the program's Midwifery 4 class may provide care in the role of one of the two midwives at the birth, provided that a registered midwife is on site and taking full responsibility for clinical care throughout the labour, birth and immediate post partum period. The student may provide care in the capacity of either primary or second midwife.

### **Postpartum Care**

1. A midwifery student in MEP *Midwifery 3* may attend one postpartum visit without a midwife on site, providing the visit is not within the first three postpartum days and is not the final discharge visit.
2. A midwifery student in MEP *Midwifery 4* may attend two postpartum visits without a midwife on site, providing that the visits are not within the first three days and is not the final discharge visit.

3. A midwifery student in MEP *Clerkship* may attend three postpartum visits without a midwife on site, providing that the visits do not include the first visit after the birth or the final discharge visit.