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PRACTICE COMMUNICATION

Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to clarify CMO expectations regarding the use of tools and mechanisms to achieve effective communication among members of a practice.

Midwifery standards of practice refer to the minimum standard of professional behaviour and clinical practice expected of midwives in Ontario.

Definition

Effective communication is achieved when all midwives in a practice group have access to accurate, adequate and timely information. Effective communication is necessary to ensure safe and consistent care for clients. Effective communication is characterized by trust, respect, and collaboration.

Standard

Midwifery practices must consider and employ suitable tools and mechanisms to achieve effective communication among all practice members, and safe and consistent clinical care for their clients.

Suggested tools and mechanisms include, but are not limited to regular practice meetings, checklists, peer case reviews, practice policies, protocols and procedures.