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ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND MEDICATIONS

Midwives must ensure that all portable and non-portable equipment and supplies will be cleaned, disinfected or sterilized as appropriate. Equipment must be maintained according to manufacturer's specifications and calibrated to deliver reliable measurements. Single use sterile supplies must be in original sealed packaging. Reusable supplies must be properly disinfected.

Midwives must have access to appropriate communication equipment and means of transportation.

The following list is the minimum required equipment, supplies and medications necessary for the provision of safe and appropriate care in an out-of-hospital birth setting.

Essential Equipment

Fetoscope
Doppler fetoscope
Stethoscope
Sphygmomanometer with adequate sized cuffs
Thermometer
Sterile speculum
Suitable time-keeping device
Scissors for episiotomy
Four hemostats
Scissors for cord cutting
Mosquito forceps
Ring forceps
Suturing instruments (needle driver, scissors)
Pediatric stethoscope
Infant scale
Measuring tape
Heat source for the baby (e.g., heating pad)
Ophthalmoscope
Self-inflating newborn resuscitation bag and appropriate sized masks
Newborn laryngeal mask airway
Infant oral airway (appropriate sizes)
Compressed gas regulator and flow metre

Portable suction equipment (compatible with intubation)
Scissors for intubation tubing
Newborn intubation equipment including laryngoscope, appropriate sized blades, light, stylet
Newborn portable pulse oximeter
CO₂ detector
PEEP valve¹
Scalpels for UVC
Equipment for administering epinephrine and/or fluids for volume expansion via umbilical vein

Essential Supplies

Sterile gloves
Non-sterile gloves
Urinalysis supplies
Gauze
Sterile lubricant
Urinary catheters
Amnihook or suitable alternative for rupturing membranes
Amnicator or suitable method for assessing amniotic fluid
Blood drawing supplies and tubes
Syringes
Needles
IV supplies
Maternal non-rebreathing oxygen mask
Suture material
Sharps container
Cord clamps or ties
Cord blood tubes
Feeding tubes
Endotracheal tubes
Bulbs and batteries for laryngoscope
Meconium aspirators
Suction tubing
Antiseptic solution
Infection control supplies as needed to meet public health guidelines and directives

Essential Medications

IV fluids
Oxygen sufficient for transport of mother and baby
Uterotonic drugs (Oxytocin and 2nd line uterotonic in accordance with community standards)
Epinephrine hydrochloride (maternal and newborn doses)
Diphenhydramine hydrochloride (Benadryl)

¹ A PEEP valve is not required if the midwife carries an additional device with PEEP capability (e.g., flow inflating bag or T-piece resuscitator).

Local anesthetic
Eye prophylaxis
Vitamin K

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