



Policy Name	Position Statement on Continuity of Care		Number	S4
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<p>Continuity of Care-provider</p> <p>Midwifery provides continuity of care-provider, whereby a known midwife or small group of midwives, provide care throughout pregnancy, labour and the postpartum period. Sufficient time is offered during routine visits for meaningful discussion and ongoing health assessment. This approach creates the opportunity for building a relationship of familiarity and trust, and facilitates informed choice discussions. The presence of a known and trusted caregiver during the birth experience enhances client safety and satisfaction, and is an aspect of midwifery care that is highly valued. Continuity of care-provider results in excellent health outcomes, client satisfaction and cost effective care.</p> <p>CMA defines a small group of midwives as no more than four(4).</p> <p>For Midwives under supervision (conditional practice permits or students), the provision of midwifery care must be within a team providing Continuity of Care and must include 2 prenatal visits, attendance at the birth and 2 postnatal visits.</p> <p>References: CAM: Position Statement Midwifery Model of Care: Sept 2015</p>				

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