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PRACTICE STANDARD

Certified Midwives: Hormonal Contraceptive Therapy

Introduction

The *Certified Midwives: Hormonal Contraceptive Therapy* practice standard applies to midwives who meet BCCNM certification requirements for hormonal contraceptive therapy.

Under the *Regulated Health Practitioners Regulation* and the *Nurses and Midwives Regulation*, midwives are authorized, if certified, to prescribe, compound, dispense, or administer contraceptives for prevention of conception for midwifery patients.

A practicing midwife licensee who holds certification may use the titles certified midwife, midwife (certified), or the abbreviation RM(C). If a certified midwife wishes to note their specific certification, they may append the term Hormonal Contraceptive Certified.

Standards

1. Certified midwives:
    a. Follow relevant legislation and regulations,
    b. Follow BCCNM's ethics standards and practice standards including any applicable limits and conditions on performing the activity,
    c. Follow organizational, policies, processes, and restrictions, and
    d. Practise within their individual competence.

Limits & conditions

1. Midwives who want to obtain certification in Hormonal Contraceptive Therapy must successfully complete the relevant certified practice course(s) recognized by BCCNM[1] or equivalent.[2]
2. A certified midwife may only prescribe contraceptive agents for midwifery patients.[3]

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[1] BCCNM recognized certified practice courses can be found here.
[2] For further information, contact Licensing at registermidwives@bccnm.ca.
[3] A midwifery patients means who patient who (a) is pregnant, (b) is in labour or is delivering a baby, or (c) is in the postpartum period.

Revision history

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