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PRACTICE STANDARD

Certified Midwives: Sexually Transmitted Infections Management

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Introduction

The *Certified Midwives: Sexually Transmitted Infections Management* practice standard applies to midwives who meet BCCNM certification requirements for Sexually Transmitted Infections Management.

Under the *Regulated Health Practitioners Regulation* and the *Nurses and Midwives Regulation*, midwives are authorized, if certified, to prescribe, compound, dispense, or administer antibiotics for treatment of infection other than topical, breast or urinary tract infections 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 Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) 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 Sexually Transmitted Infection Management must successfully complete the relevant certified practice course(s) recognized by BCCNM[1] or equivalent.[2]
2. Midwives do not prescribe or order for HIV/AIDS management.

[1] BCCNM recognized certified practice courses can be found here.
[2] For further information, contact Licensing at registermidwives@bccnm.ca.

Revision history

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