

## POLICY ON CONTINUING COMPETENCY IN EMERGENCY SKILLS

All midwives are required to successfully complete a course or assessment in emergency skills in obstetrics every two years. The required standard of performance is successful completion of a full-day course or assessment that meets or exceeds the College of Midwives of British Columbia's Emergency Skills assessment and covers emergency management in the following areas:

- Postpartum hemorrhage
- Shoulder dystocia
- Cord prolapse
- Undiagnosed breech
- Undiagnosed twins
- Fetal well-being

Acceptable courses/assessments include:

- College of Midwives of BC or College of Midwives of Ontario Emergency Skills assessments held in conjunction with registration examinations
- Midwives Association of BC: Midwives Emergency Skills Program (MESP)
- Association of Ontario Midwives: Emergency Skills Workshop (ESW)
- Midwives Association of Manitoba: Emergency Skills for Midwives Course
- Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada:
  - Advances in Labour and Risk Management (ALARM)
  - Managing Obstetrical Risk Efficiently (MORE<sup>OB</sup>)<sup>1</sup>
- College of Family Physicians of Canada:
  - Advances in Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO)<sup>2</sup>
- Ontario Midwifery Education Programme or UBC Division of Midwifery Emergency Skills course
- Any course accepted by the Quality Assurance Committee of the CMBC as equivalent.

All courses offered to meet this requirement must be delivered by certified instructors. Where a midwife is a certified instructor in any of the above programs, the continuing competency requirement is met when evidence is provided of:

- a) a current instructor certificate for one of the accepted courses; and
- b) evidence of having instructed or examined in each of the six emergency areas outlined above in the previous 24 months.

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<sup>1</sup> To qualify for emergency skills recertification, verification of currency through the MORE<sup>OB</sup> program is needed by providing a copy of your participant online Log Book Report detailing specific logged in **chapters and activities** for the previous two years in the six emergency areas noted above. Acceptable proof of successful completion will be recorded in the Log Book Report by a Core Team Member of MORE<sup>OB</sup> which may include; an ACE (Action to Consolidate Education) completed in the six emergency areas, a combined Workshop and ACE completed in the six emergency areas; or Emergency Drills in the six emergency areas. Please note that skills drills completed by the participant in the six emergency areas **must** be verified by a letter from a Core Team Member. A midwife who is a Core Team Member must provide separate verification from another Core Team Member that she has successfully completed the ACE in the six emergency areas.

<sup>2</sup> All Programs must be offered in Canada in order to meet the requirements for CMBC continuing competency in Emergency Skills.