

## **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 covers emergency management in the following areas:

- postpartum hemorrhage
- shoulder dystocia
- cord prolapse
- undiagnosed breech
- undiagnosed twins
- fetal well-being

Acceptable courses/assessments include:

- UBC CPD (Continuing Professional Development): Midwives Emergency Skills Program (MESP)
- Association of Ontario Midwives: Emergency Skills Workshop (ESW)
- Midwives Association of Manitoba: Emergency Skills for Midwives Course
- Association of Alberta Midwives: Emergency Skills Workshop (ESW)
- Nunavut Emergency Skills for Midwives course
- Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada:  
Advances in Labour and Risk Management (ALARM)  
Managing Obstetrical Risk Efficiently (MOREOB)<sup>1</sup>
- UBC Division of Midwifery, or a CMBC recognized Canadian Midwifery Education/Bridging Programme administered Emergency Skills course
- Any course accepted by CMBC's Quality Assurance (QA) Committee 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.