Registered Midwife Clinical Privileges

REAPPOINTMENT 2015-2016
Effective from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Name: _____________________________________________________

☐ Initial privileges (initial appointment)    ☐ Renewal of privileges (reappointment)

All new applicants must meet the following requirements as approved by the governing body, effective: 04/Jun/2013.

Applicant: Check the “Requested” box for each privilege requested. Applicants are responsible for producing required documentation for a proper evaluation of current competence, current clinical activity, and other qualifications and for resolving any doubts related to qualifications for requested privileges. Please provide this supporting information separately.

[Department/Program Head or Leaders/ Chief]: Check the appropriate box for recommendation on the last page of this form and include your recommendation for any required evaluation. If recommended with conditions or not recommended, provide the condition or explanation on the last page of this form.

With respect to the "standards for currency", the currency for exams or procedures suggested as a threshold are developed by practitioners in the field and are believed to be fair and reasonable and are not intended as a barrier to practice or service delivery. The focus of the standard is on those who are close to or below the threshold, so the situation can be discussed with the department head, and is not on the precise number for those who are well above the threshold. Regardless of the currency number, acceptable results must be demonstrated, especially for procedures with significant risk. Please review the four principles document for more information.

Other requirements
• Note that privileges granted may only be exercised at the site(s) and/or setting(s) that have sufficient space, equipment, staffing, and other resources required to support the privilege.
• This document is focused on defining qualifications related to competency to exercise clinical privileges. The applicant must also adhere to any additional organizational, regulatory, or accreditation requirements that the organization is obligated to meet.

Note: The dictionary will be reviewed over time to ensure it is reflective of current practices, procedures and technologies.
Definition: A midwife is a primary health care professional who is responsible and accountable to provide women with the necessary support, care, and advice during pregnancy, labour and the postpartum period, to conduct births and provide care for mothers and newborns up to three months postpartum. The scope of care includes preventative measures, the promotion of normal birth, the detection of complications in mother and child, the management of certain low to moderate risk situations and the accessing of medical care based on College’s Indications for Discussion, Consultation and Transfer of Care and carrying out of emergency measures. A midwife practices in the home, community, hospitals, clinics, or health units.

The scope of midwifery practice is outlined at http://www.cmbc.bc.ca

Qualifications for Midwifery
Initial privileges: To be eligible to apply for medical staff (midwifery) privileges the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Is a graduate of a midwifery education program approved by the College of Midwives of British Columbia (CMBC)
- Be eligible for registration as a midwife by the CMBC

OR

Be eligible to be registered as a midwife by the CMBC by virtue of credentials earned elsewhere that are acceptable to both the CMBC and the governing body of (organization).

Required current experience: Must maintain active practice requirements with College of Midwives of British Columbia

AND

Experience must correlate to the privileges requested.

Reappointment (renewal of privileges) requirements: To be eligible to renew privileges as a Midwife, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

Must be registered with the College of Midwives. Must demonstrate ongoing compliance with Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules.

Maintain an adequate volume of experience (18 deliveries (home or hospital) for the past 36 months) and demonstrate current competence based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.
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**Return to Currency:** Complete a program approved by the College of Midwives of BC OR complete five deliveries under supervision another midwife or member of the medical staff holding the privilege.

**Core Privileges: Midwifery**

- **Requested**
  Admitting and discharge of a woman or her infant for the purpose of primary care in antepartum, intrapartum and the postpartum period. Order and interpret results of screening and diagnostic tests; prescribe, order and administer pharmaceuticals, conduct births and care for newborns; carry out basic life support and other emergency measures. Identify complications and consult with other members of the medical staff as appropriate.

**Core Procedures List**

This is not intended to be an all-encompassing procedures list. It defines the types of activities/procedures/privileges that the majority of practitioners in this specialty at this organization would competently perform, and inherent activities/procedures/privileges requiring similar skill sets and techniques.

**To the applicant:** If you wish to exclude any procedures, please strike through those procedures which you do not wish to request, initial, and date.

- Write orders and prescribe and or administer pharmaceuticals
- Administer medication prescribed by a physician in consultation
- Perform history and physical examination
- Request consultations from other members of the medical staff.
- Assess and manage labour
- Assess fetal heart tones by auscultation and electronic means including application of scalp electrodes
- Perform an episiotomy
- Assist and support the spontaneous vaginal birth of the baby and placenta
- Repair lacerations and episiotomies
- Manage obstetrical emergencies including postpartum hemorrhage, shoulder dystocia
- Perform immediate newborn assessment and manage ongoing care of the well newborn
- Perform neonatal resuscitation
- Manage postpartum complications
Non-core Privileges (See Specific Criteria)

Non-core privileges are permits for activities that require further training, experience and demonstrated competence.
Non-core privileges are requested individually in addition to requesting the core.
Each individual requesting non-core privileges should meet the specific threshold criteria as outlined.

Non-core Privileges: Monitoring epidural pain relief in labour

☑ Requested

The appropriately certified midwife is responsible for the monitoring of the woman while an epidural is working and is responsible to notify the anesthesiologist if concerns arise. This is normally a nursing function.

Initial privileges: Initial applicants must qualify for and be granted core privileges as a Midwife. The department head must verify the midwife’s experience/competence or provide an appropriate orientation before recommending this non-core privilege. The CMBC has a document entitled Recommendation for Midwife Certification for Care of Women Receiving Epidural Pain Relief in Labour which may be of assistance to the department head or chief of staff.

Renewal of privilege: The monitoring of 15 epidurals in the past 36 months and demonstrated current competence based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

Return to currency: The College of Midwives of BC recommends recertification where a midwife has monitored fewer than 5 epidural over the preceding 12 month period.

Non-core Privileges: Acupuncture use in labour and in the immediate postpartum

☑ Requested

Midwives with certification by the CMBC in acupuncture may insert acupuncture needles for pain relief.

Initial privileges: Initial applicants must qualify for and be granted core privileges as a Midwife. Specialized practice certification in acupuncture obtained through a course or program established or approved by the CMBC.

Renewal of privilege: The management of 3 acupuncture treatments in the past 12 months and demonstrated current competence based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.
Return to currency: The College of Midwives of BC recommends recertification where a midwife had managed fewer than 3 acupuncture treatments over the preceding 12-month period, unless she has significant prior experience.

Non-core Privileges: Surgical first assist for cesarean section

☑ Requested
Experienced midwives with certification in surgical first assist for cesarean section may attend an operative birth as the first assist

Initial privileges: Initial applicants must qualify for and be granted core privileges as a Midwife. Specialized practice certification in surgical first assist for cesarean section obtained through a course or program established or approved by the CMBC.

Renewal of privilege: The performance of 2 surgical first assists for cesarean section in the past 12 months and demonstrated current competence based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

Return to currency: The College of Midwives of BC recommends recertification where a midwife had performed fewer than 2 surgical first assists for cesarean section over the preceding 12-month period, unless she has significant prior experience.

Non-core Privileges: Emergency vacuum assisted birth

☑ Requested
Experienced midwives with certification in vacuum assisted delivery may conduct a vacuum assisted birth.

Initial privileges: Initial applicants must qualify for and be granted core privileges as a Midwife. Specialized practice certification in vacuum assisted birth obtained through a course or program established or approved by the CMBC.

Renewal of privilege: The management of 2 vacuum assisted births in the past 24 months and demonstrated current competence based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

Return to currency: The College of Midwives of BC recommends recertification where a midwife had managed fewer than 2 vacuum assisted births over the preceding 24-month period, unless she has significant prior experience.
Non-core Privileges: Induction and augmentation of labour in hospital

☐ Requested

A midwife with this specialized practice certification may write orders for a cervical ripening agent and IV oxytocin induction/augmentation of labour, if the woman has a singleton pregnancy of 37 or more completed weeks, the fetus is in a vertex presentation, there are no contraindications to induction or augmentation, in a facility with the ability to provide a timely caesarean section. Ongoing medical management of induction and augmentation. This may occur under the following conditions: prelabour rupture of membranes, postdates or non-progressive labour.

Initial privileges: Initial applicants must qualify for and be granted core privileges as a Midwife. Specialized practice certification in initiating and managing medical induction and augmentation of labour obtained through a course or program established or approved by the CMBC.

Renewal of privilege: The management of 3 inductions/augmentations in the past 12 months and demonstrated current competence based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

Return to currency: The College of Midwives of BC recommends recertification where a midwife had managed fewer than 3 inductions/augmentations over the preceding 12-month period, unless she has significant prior experience.

Context Specific Privileges

Context refers to the capacity of a facility to support an activity.

None identified at this time.
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Acknowledgment of Practitioner

I have requested only those privileges for which by education, training, current experience, and demonstrated performance I am qualified to perform and for which I wish to exercise at _______________________________________________________________________,
[Enter Facility Name]

and I understand that:

a. In exercising any clinical privileges granted, I am constrained by hospital and medical staff policies and rules applicable generally and any applicable to the particular situation.
b. Any restriction on the clinical privileges granted to me is waived in an emergency situation, and in such situation my actions are governed by the applicable section of the medical staff bylaws or related documents.

Signed: _______________________________ Date: _____________________

[Department/Program Head or Leaders/Chief]'s Recommendation

I have reviewed the requested clinical privileges and supporting documentation for the above-named applicant and:

❑ Recommend all requested privileges
❑ Recommend privileges with the following conditions/modifications:
❑ Do not recommend the following requested privileges:

Privilege Condition/modification/explanation
Notes: _______________________________________________________________________
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[Department/Program Head or Leaders/Chief ] Signature: ______________________________
Date: ______________________________