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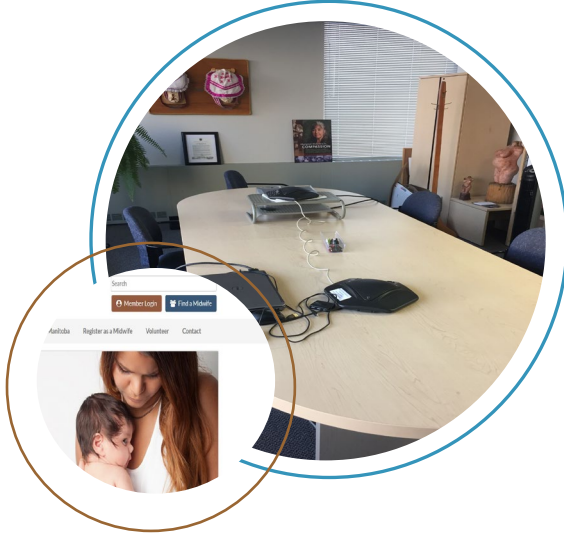
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RENEWAL DEADLINE MARCH 31ST

Online renewal will be open by February 16th. Please log into your member profile and click the “Renew” button. All members are required to complete the online renewal application and submit all supporting documentation and registration fees by 4:30 pm on Tuesday March 31, 2021. Late registrations and payments are subject to a \$100 late fee.

Please renew early to avoid last minute complications.

CPR • NRP • ES • FHS

All the above certifications need to be current and provided to the CMM by March 31st. There is no grace period.

The Quality Assurance Committee has conducted a survey of available certificate courses and has determined that online CPR courses will be accepted until further notice. Requirements for other required courses remain unchanged.

Members who are not current may be denied renewal or return to practice. Please ensure you plan ahead.

POINT OF CARE ULTRASOUND

The CMM has received a number of inquiries over the past few months regarding point of care ultrasound. After review of the literature, the *Midwifery Regulation*, consultation with legal counsel and review of other Canadian midwifery regulation it has been determined that Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) is not within the authority of midwives in Manitoba to perform independently. Midwives who have the knowledge and skill to perform POCUS may do so under a delegation of function from a provider who is authorized to do so.

Manitoba’s legislation currently indicates that diagnostic imaging can be ordered and interpreted by midwives, but not performed. The CMM considered whether POCUS for discrete indications was considered diagnostic or could be considered as just a screening tool. Based on the definitions below and the manner in which other jurisdictions have been able to incorporate this into midwifery practice, ultrasound imaging, even for discrete purposes is considered a diagnostic tool, and is not included in the *Midwifery Regulation* in Manitoba

Point of Care Ultrasound is defined by the Canadian Association of Radiologists as “an ultrasound examination performed by a health care provider who uses the information garnered to inform patient management. POCUS is intended to be limited in scope and targeted to answer a focused clinical question, identify an important scenario or condition (in an acute care setting), or to enhance or aid in the safety of a procedure....All ultrasound is diagnostic, as its purpose is to further a diagnostic probability; defining POCUS as something other than a diagnostic tool is a misnomer.”

Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) is defined by the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians as “diagnostic or procedural guidance ultrasound that is performed by a clinician during a patient encounter to help guide the evaluation and management of that patient.”

Midwives in four Canadian jurisdictions are authorized to perform imaging ultrasound, via a specific designation in their respective legislation. Manitoba does not have this specific designation.

The CMM recognizes the potential benefit of POCUS to clients, particularly in rural and remote regions, and will engage in discussions to include POCUS in any future regulation changes.

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
(closed on Statutory Holidays)

Due to part-time status of all staff and semi-virtual operation during the pandemic, please email admin@midwives.mb.ca or call the office at (204) 783-4520 if you need to arrange an in-person meeting.

OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday, February 15, 2021 – Louis Riel Day

Friday, April 2, 2021 – Good Friday

Monday, April 5, 2021 – Easter Monday

MOVING HOME OR OFFICE?

Changes to your work or personal address, phone number or email must be reported to the CMM. This can all be done via updating your profile in the Member Portal.

Additionally, please be reminded that Manitoba Health must be informed of changes in employment status or practice location. For more information email practitionerregistry@gov.mb.ca.

CHANGING PRACTICE STATUS?

Changes in practice status must be requested via the Member Portal. If you are planning a change in practice status, please complete the online request form at least 30 days in advance.

SELF-REGULATION

In Manitoba, midwifery has been a self-regulating profession since 2000. Self-regulation means the government, on behalf of the public, grants a professional group the privilege and responsibility to regulate themselves. This is a privilege, and regulation must be done in the public interest. For the CMM, this means to protect the public in the provision of midwifery services.

The *Midwifery Act, Regulation and By-laws* set out or 'prescribe' how this self-regulation is to be carried out by the CMM. One such prescription is that midwife members are elected to form the CMM Council, and that members of the public are appointed to Council (by an arm's length committee called the Committee to Select Public Representatives) to ensure that the profession remains accountable to society at large in its decision-making. Public representatives are also appointed to sit on CMM's legislated committees. This participation of both individual midwives and the public is essential for responsible self-regulation.

COUNCIL NEWS

CMM Council is pleased to announce, on behalf of the Committee to Select Public Representatives, that Stacey Lasnig, member of the public, has recently been appointed to serve as a member of CMM's Quality Assurance Committee.

Annual Public Meeting

Section 6(c) of the *Midwifery Act* prescribes that the CMM will hold a public meeting annually to explain the role of the college and to invite public comment. The CMM usually convenes this meeting in May, close to International Day of the Midwife. Due to the onset of the pandemic this past spring (2020) the meeting was postponed and will take place on **March 18, 2021 from 4 – 5 pm**. This will be CMM's first-ever virtual Annual Public Meeting where citizens will be invited to join electronically.

NATIONAL NEWS

Addressing Racism in Healthcare

Racism in healthcare has been brought to the forefront with recent events and reports being published across the country. The outrage surrounding the circumstances of Joyce Echaquan's death in the fall of 2020 has prompted the federal government to host a series of national dialogues to identify steps to eliminate racism in healthcare. The department of Indigenous Services [Statement](#) recognized the harm anti-Indigenous racism has on the provision of health care and outlines commitments to help support change.

The BC government released "[In Plain Sight, Addressing Indigenous-specific Racism and Discrimination in B.C. Health Care](#)" in December 2020. The report describes its findings of widespread racism towards Indigenous people within the healthcare system and makes recommendations for change.

CMM has a long-held commitment to supporting access to midwifery care to Indigenous people. Recent events have prompted the CMM to review our own policies and identify further ways we can reduce racism within our work and the work of midwives.

Yukon Territory Enacts Midwifery Legislation

On January 28, 2021 the Yukon government approved its *Midwifery Regulation* with an effective date of April 1, 2021. This makes Yukon the 12th province/territory to enact midwifery legislation.

UPDATES TO REGISTRANT RESOURCES

CMM no longer publishes a Registrant's Handbook. Contents of the former Registrant's Handbook are now available exclusively online. The majority of documents are available on the [Resources/Practice Framework](#) section of the CMM website. Member-only documents are available on the CMM Member Portal. A link to an Index of Registrant Resources has been added to the Member Portal that provides quick links to all documents. Notices of updates to these documents and resources are sent electronically to all members and key stakeholders. Paper copies are no longer provided.

Member Portal

Welcome

Greetings from College of Midwives of Manitoba

The CMM Online Member Portal is your personalized view of your membership information and services. you can access or edit your profile (eg. Updates to work or home addresses), make requests for changes to membership status, submit required forms such as currency, new registrant or supervision reports and much more.

[Index of Registrant Resources \(formerly the Registrant's Handbook\)](#)