

## Investigations, Complaints and Discipline

If you have a concern about midwifery practice in Manitoba that you consider to be unprofessional, unsafe or unethical, you have the right to make a formal complaint to the College of Midwives of Manitoba and to have your complaint investigated. There is no time limit to submit a complaint, but it is advisable to inform the CMM as soon as possible.

Making a complaint about a midwife's professional practice is a serious matter. If you have a concern about care provided by a midwife, you may contact the Registrar at the College to first discuss your concerns to decide if you wish to make a complaint. The College may be able to help you to resolve the problem prior to submitting a formal complaint.

A complaint about a registered midwife must be made in writing to:

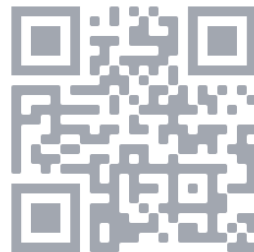
**Registrar**  
**College of Midwives of**  
**Manitoba**  
**230-500 Portage Avenue**  
**Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1**

## Role of the College

The College of Midwives of Manitoba was established by proclamation of the *Midwifery Act* by the Manitoba Legislature in June 2000. The College exists for the purpose of protecting the public in the provision of midwifery services. We fulfill this mandate through registration procedures, standards of practice activities, and complaints, investigation and discipline undertakings.

## Contact Us

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*The College of Midwives of Manitoba is located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.*

# Midwifery

IN MANITOBA

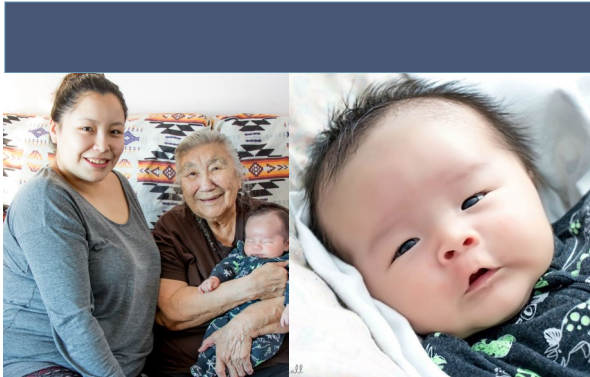


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### Scope of Practice

A midwife in Manitoba is a person who has acquired the requisite qualifications to be registered (legally licensed) to practice midwifery in the province.

A midwife is able to provide the necessary care and advice during pregnancy, labour and the postpartum period; to conduct deliveries on their own responsibility; and to provide care for client and the infant to six weeks postpartum.

Midwifery care includes:

- preventive measures
- detection of abnormal conditions in the client and infant

- accessing medical assistance when necessary, and
- taking emergency measures in the absence of medical help.

The midwife has mechanisms for consultation and referral of care if necessary, and continued involvement and collaboration.

The midwife has an important task in health promotion, counselling, and education, not only for the client but also for their family and the community. Midwifery practice involves antenatal education and preparation for parenthood, and extends to certain areas of gynecology, family planning and child care.

### Philosophy

Midwifery care is based on a respect for pregnancy as a state of health, and childbirth as a normal physiological process. The practice of midwifery is founded on the understanding that pregnancy, labour, and birth are profound experiences which carry significant meaning for a pregnant person, their family, and community. Midwives strive to enhance these life experiences, providing continuity of care within a relationship of mutual respect with a client and their family.

### Registration

In order to practice as a midwife, or to call oneself a midwife, a person must have the required education, experience and competencies and be registered with the College of Midwives of Manitoba. It is illegal to practice midwifery in Manitoba without being registered with the College.

If you have concerns about someone providing services as a midwife, who is not a registered midwife, contact the Registrar at [registrar@midwives.mb.ca](mailto:registrar@midwives.mb.ca) or at (204) 783-4520.

### Standards of Practice

The College protects the safety of the public by ensuring that midwives registered in Manitoba are practicing according to the established *Standards of Midwifery Practice*. The College monitors adherence to these Standards in a number of ways including annual registration renewals, random practice audits, and quality assurance requirements.

Standards of midwifery practice are continually reviewed by the Standards Committee of the College. Many of these Standards are available for information on the College website at [www.midwives.mb.ca](http://www.midwives.mb.ca).