



Midwife Prescribing

On March 10, 2008, *The Midwifery Act* was proclaimed in Saskatchewan. This legislation allows for the delivery of regulated midwifery services in Saskatchewan and makes midwifery a provincially recognized and self-regulated health profession.

Midwives will be employed by regional health authorities to provide publicly funded services, while private practice midwives will continue to charge clients directly for their services.

Midwives will be able to order tests and assessments, including ultrasounds. They are also able to prescribe and administer many common drugs within the scope of practice of midwifery while caring for the woman and child during pregnancy, birth and throughout the postpartum period.

Subsection 3(1) states the following:

- (1) Subject to the Act, *The Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada), *The Drug Schedules Regulations, 1997*, the bylaws and any terms and conditions set out in the member's licence, a member may do any of the following, for a purpose that is within the scope of the practice of midwifery:
 - a) Prescribe or administer a drug that is a member of any category of drugs set out in Table 1 of the Appendix;
 - b) Administer a drug that is prescribed by a practitioner who is a member of any category of practitioners authorized to prescribe the drug;
 - c) Prescribe, possess, or administer a drug in accordance with the *New Classes of Practitioners Regulations* (Canada), SOR/2012-230.

Within that scope of practice, midwives are authorized to prescribe or administer a drug that is a member of any category of drugs set out in Table 1:

Table 1:

- Abortifacient agents
- Antibiotics
- Antiemetics
- Antifibrinolytic
- Antifungals
- Antihaemorrhoidal agents
- Antihemorrhagics
- Antireflux
- Antivirals
- Benzodiazepines
- Benzodiazepine Receptor Antagonists
- Cervical Ripening/Induction Agents
- Contraceptives
- Corticosteroids (Topical)
- Galactagogues/Lactation Aids
- Histamine antagonists

Immune globulins
Inhalants
Intravenous fluids
Laxatives
Local anesthetics
Narcotic and non-narcotic analgesics
Narcotic antagonists
Nitrates
Non-prescription drugs
Sympathomimetics
Uterotonic agents
Vaccines
Vitamin and mineral prophylaxis and therapy

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