



Association of Ontario Midwives

## **A Joint Statement of Professional Relations between Physicians and Registered Midwives In Ontario**

The Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Ontario Midwives (AOM) recognize that many situations arise in which physicians and midwives collaborate in the care of women and newborns. Optimal patient care is achieved through a working relationship characterized by mutual respect and trust as well as professional responsibility and accountability. When physicians and midwives collaborate, they should establish clear mechanisms for consultation and transfer of care recognizing and understanding their respective roles in the provision of care.

Recognizing the high level of responsibility that physicians and midwives assume when providing care to women and newborns, the OMA and AOM affirm their dedication to the promotion of appropriate standards for education and certification of their respective members, to support clinical practice guidelines, and to facilitate communication and collegial relationships between physicians and midwives.

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