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**To: Rural Midwives**  
**Re: Membership - Office of the Chief Coroner,  
Maternal and Perinatal Death Review Committee**

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The Office of the Chief Coroner is currently recruiting for an expert in rural midwifery who may be interested in participating on the Maternal and Perinatal Death Review Committee (MPDRC).

The MPDRC assists the Office of the Chief Coroner in the investigation and review of obstetrical and neonatal cases and develops recommendations directed towards the prevention of future deaths.

The MPDRC reviews all maternal deaths regardless of cause and stillbirths and neonatal deaths where the family, coroner or Regional Supervising Coroner have concerns about the care that the mother or child received.

Recommendations generated by the MPDRC may be local, provincial, or national in scope. Findings of legal responsibility or conclusions of law are not permitted under the Coroners Act.

The MPDRC meets virtually approximately four times per year and each meeting is 4-5 hours in duration. There may be times when the committee will meet in person.

A list of current members and further details about the nature of the work conducted by the MPDRC can be found in the [2019 MPDRC Annual Report](#).

In addition to attendance and participation at meetings, the rural midwifery expert will be asked to conduct expert reviews of cases within their area of expertise and share their findings with the committee. A stipend is provided for meeting participation and expert review.

For further information or to submit your request for consideration and curriculum vitae, please contact Elizabeth Colonna, Executive Lead, MPDRC at [occ.deathreviewcommittees@ontario.ca](mailto:occ.deathreviewcommittees@ontario.ca) by **November 30, 2022**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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