

CONSULTATIONS & TRANSFERS OF CARE

in the BIS

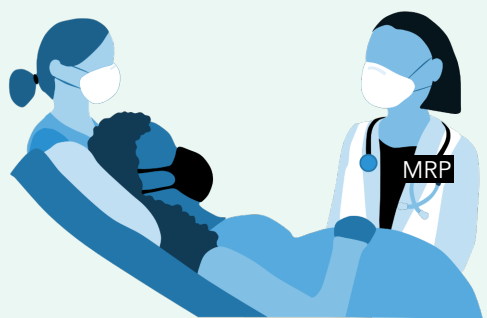
CONSULTATION

A request for clinical assessment and advice from a physician or a nurse practitioner.



TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC)

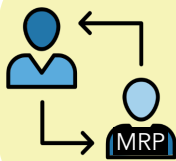
The transfer of responsibility from a midwife to a physician as the most responsible provider (MRP) for part, or all, of the duration of the client's care.



When a TOC occurs, the physician becomes the MRP.



Only record consultations and TOC that occurred with a physician or a nurse practitioner.¹



A midwife may engage in collaborative care with a physician, but there can only be **one** MRP at any given time.

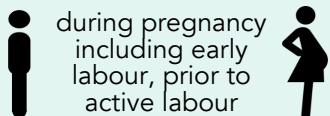


A routine epidural² would **not** be considered a consult if there is no involvement of any physician other than the anesthesiologist.

WHERE TO RECORD

Below are some examples of consultations/TOC that may occur in each encounter.³

ANTENATAL GENERAL

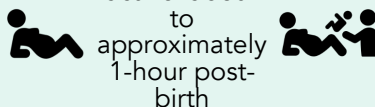


during pregnancy including early labour, prior to active labour

GDM

PPROM

LABOUR & BIRTH

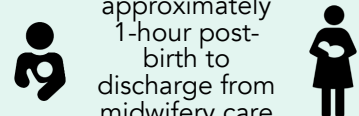


from onset of active labour to approximately 1-hour post-birth

4th degree tear

PPH

POSTPARTUM BIRTHING PARENT⁴

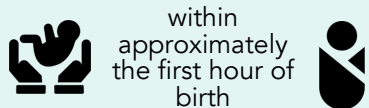


approximately 1-hour post-birth to discharge from midwifery care

Incision infection

Mastitis

BIRTH CHILD

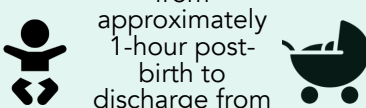


within approximately the first hour of birth

Birth injury

Meconium aspiration

POSTPARTUM CHILD



from approximately 1-hour post-birth to discharge from midwifery care

Hyperbilirubinemia

Weight loss >10%

WHAT ABOUT INDUCTION?

Although inductions occur before active labour, they are integral to the process of labour and birth and any consults/TOC related to them should be recorded in the Labour & Birth Encounter.

WHAT TO SELECT

Always select the primary **clinical indication/complication** as the reason for a consultation/TOC, **regardless** the clinical intervention.³

INDICATION

INTERVENTION

SELECT

If... Breech at 38 weeks	&	C-section	then...	Presentation other than cephalic at 38 weeks
If... PROM at 40 weeks	&	Induction	then...	Complications of Pregnancy - Maternal - Prelabour rupture of membranes (PROM)
If... Postpartum hemorrhage	&	Manual removal of placenta	then...	Labour and Birth Complications - Postpartum hemorrhage

MORE QUESTIONS?

General BIS FAQ

Consults/TOC FAQ

Midwives Scope of Practice FAQ

¹Consults with other health care professionals (ex. massage therapist, naturopathic doctor etc.) should not be recorded. Midwife-to-midwife consults and TOC do happen but are not yet recorded in the BIS. A place to record midwife-to-midwife consults/TOC may be included in future BIS updates.

²A routine epidural is performed for clients that do not have complex, obscure or serious clinical complications; clients of this nature may require a consult/TOC. Click [here](#) for more guidance on recording epidurals.

³The examples displayed here will not be applicable to all midwives. Scope of practice may vary; midwives should assess their own knowledge, skills, and judgement to determine when it is appropriate to consult or transfer care.

⁴This encounter is entitled "Postpartum Maternal" in BORN. In attempt to maintain gender inclusive language, the AOM has chosen to refer to this encounter "Postpartum Birthing Parent" for the purposes of this infographic.