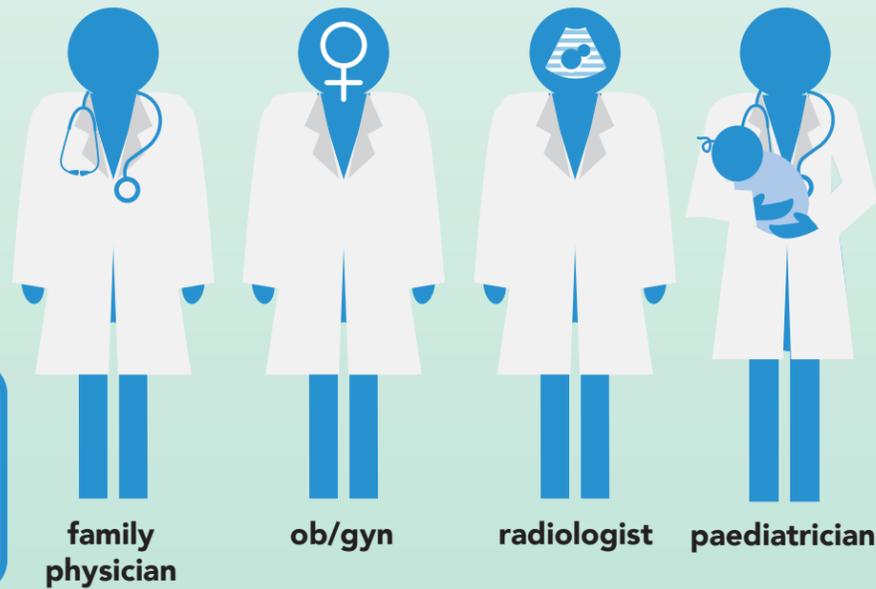




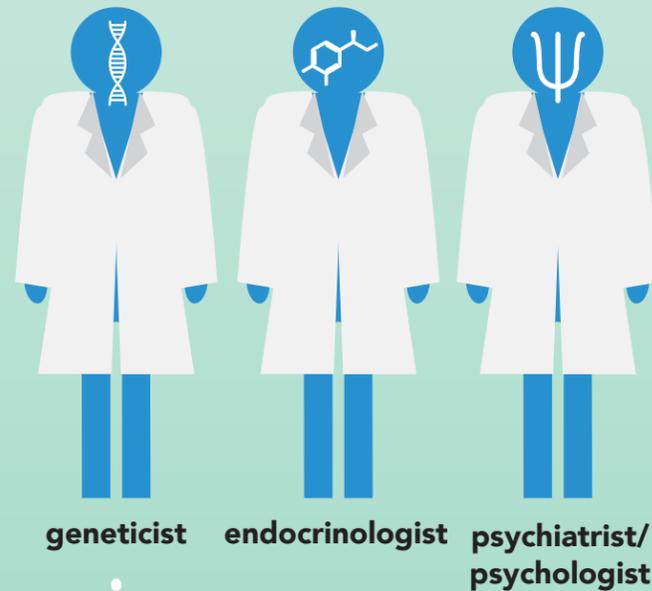
Midwives and interprofessional collaboration

Interprofessional collaboration ensures the client is kept at the centre of her care. She gets what she needs from the health care system - the right care at the right time from the right provider. Midwives collaborate with health care colleagues regarding individual client care, community and hospital policies, and provincial-level strategy and planning.

Midwives may consult with various specialists while caring for both client and baby, or the midwife may provide all of the primary care needed for both the client and baby, from conception to six weeks postpartum.



family physician ob/gyn radiologist paediatrician



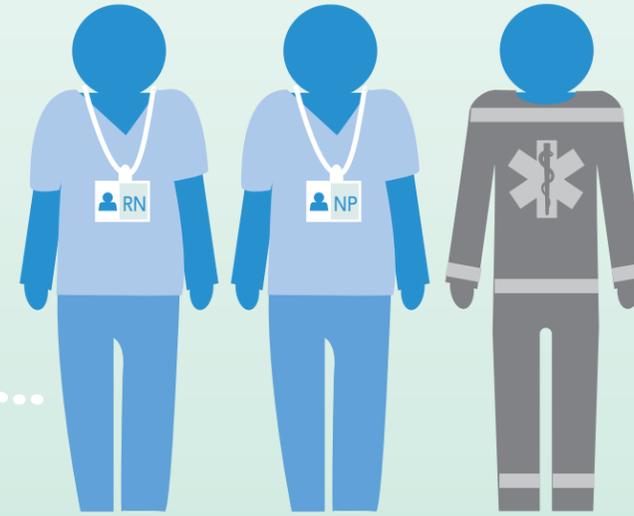
geneticist endocrinologist psychiatrist/psychologist

Collaboration is an essential precondition for successful interprofessional care. The midwifery model of practice contains explicit expectations outlining the fundamental role of collaboration between midwives, and between midwives and other providers.

In addition, midwives' practices are underpinned by the primacy of women's participation in their own care, including the decision about choice of birthplace. Collaboration has been and continues to be a key tenet for Ontario midwives.

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During labour, midwives may also collaborate with nurses, nurse practitioners and paramedics, if the client has been transferred from a home or birth centre birth if needed. The midwife may also provide all of the care during labour.



registered nurse nurse practitioner paramedic



social worker dietitian lactation consultant

In addition, midwives may collaborate with other health professionals depending on the needs of the client. These may include pharmacists, public health nurses, social workers, dietitians, and lactation consultants.



public health nurse pharmacist

We have a plan to transform Ontario's health care system to meet these goals for patients and ensure our system is sustainable for our children and grandchildren.

At the heart of our action plan is a commitment to ensure that patients receive timely access to the most appropriate care in the most appropriate place.

The right care also means care that is provided by the appropriate health-care professional. We have taken steps to expand the scope of practice of a number of health care professionals [including midwives]...so that they are contributing their full potential to the benefit of patients.

The Ontario Hospital Association supports the integration of midwives into the services provided by Ontario hospitals, and recognizes midwifery as a reliable and effective means of providing high-quality maternal and newborn services. The midwifery model of care is collaborative and involves ongoing dialogue and relationships with other members of the maternal-newborn team. It is essential that the various maternity care providers work collaboratively to deliver the best quality of care in every health care setting.

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