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## **A Joint Statement of Professional Relations Between Obstetricians and Registered Midwives In Ontario**

The Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Ontario Midwives (AOM) recognize that many situations arise in which obstetricians and midwives collaborate in the care of women. Optimal patient care is achieved through a working relationship characterized by mutual respect and trust as well as professional responsibility and accountability. When obstetricians 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 obstetricians and midwives assume when providing care to women, 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 obstetricians and midwives.

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