

## PRACTICE STANDARD

# Certified Midwives: Hormonal Contraceptive Therapy

## Introduction

The *Certified Midwives: Hormonal Contraceptive Therapy* practice standard applies to Registered Midwives who meet BCCNM certification requirements for hormonal contraceptive therapy.

Under the [Regulated Health Practitioners Regulation](#) and the [Nurses and Midwives Regulation](#), midwives are authorized, if certified, to prescribe, compound, dispense or administer contraceptives for prevention of conception for midwifery patients.

A practicing midwife licensee who holds certification may use the titles certified midwife, midwife (certified) or the abbreviation RM(C). If a certified midwife wishes to note their specific certification, they may append the term Hormonal Contraceptive Certified.

## Standards

1. Certified midwives:
  - a. Follow relevant legislation and regulations,
  - b. Follow BCCNM's ethics standards and practice standards including any applicable limits and conditions on performing the activity,
  - c. Follow organizational, policies, processes, and restrictions, and
  - d. Practise within their individual competence.

## Limits & conditions

1. Midwives must successfully complete the certified practice education program recognized by BCCNM for hormonal contraceptive therapy. BCCNM currently recognizes the following two courses:
  - Midwifery Hormonal Contraceptive Course as offered by University of British Columbia Continuing Professional Development (UBC CPD)
  - NSPN 7720 – Contraceptive Management in Reproductive Health as offered by the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)
2. A certified midwife may only prescribe contraceptive agents for midwifery patients<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> A midwifery patients means who patient who (a) is pregnant, (b) is in labour or is delivering a baby, or (3) is in the postpartum period.

## Revision history

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