



JOINT STATEMENT

Managing labour

Related to the restricted activity managing labour under the Health Professions Act

Managing labour means taking professional responsibility and accountability for:

- the assessment of maternal and fetal well-being in labour;
- the assessment of progress in labour; and
- clinical decisions and clinical actions based on the above assessments.

Managing labour includes providing care, advice and support to a woman in labour, guided by current standards and evidence for optimum maternity care. It includes collaborating with other care providers, as appropriate to each regulated health professional's scope of practice, and is carried out in the context of informed consent, respecting the woman's values and her role in decision-making.

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