



Standard of Practice

Home Births

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Standards of Practice of Medicine set out the requirements related to specific aspects for the quality of the practice of medicine. Standards of Practice of Medicine provide more detailed information than contained in the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, Regulations, and Bylaws. All members must comply with Standards of Practice of Medicine, per section 86 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*.

This Standard of Practice of Medicine is made under the authority of section 82 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and section 15 of the CPSM Standards of Practice Regulation.

1. Members must not have planned involvement in a home birth (i.e. outside of a hospital with obstetrical care]
2. When a member is consulted by a pregnant woman who intends to give birth at home, the member must:
 - 2.1. Encourage appropriate prenatal and postnatal care for the mother and baby;
 - 2.2. Identify to the patient the risks of home delivery for both mother and infant, and issues of postnatal care (e.g. Vitamin K prophylaxis, eye care, metabolic screening);
 - 2.3. Familiarize the patient with emergency services available in the community; and
 - 2.4. Document discussions with the patient on the foregoing points.