

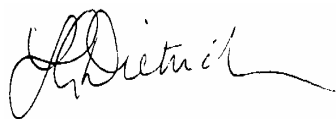
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Subject: Midwifery Scope of Practice Review

Dietitians of Canada (DC) is pleased to have the opportunity to review and respond to the scope of practice review application for the profession of midwifery. True interprofessional collaboration, supported by professionals working to their full competencies, is strongly supported by DC. Improvements in the quality of patient care, as well as benefits to the health system, result from professionals working collaboratively.

Infant nutrition in the context of well baby care is referenced on page 71 of the midwifery submission. Dietitians of Canada is supportive of an interprofessional approach to providing nutrition information to parents for appropriate feeding practices of infants and children. Access to specialized nutrition assessment and treatment is needed for families outside the area of “well baby” care, for example when there are feeding difficulties or conditions affecting nutrient intake or absorption. Similarly, general nutrition advice to pregnant lactating women is recognized as a role for the midwifery profession, and appropriately referred to RDs when there are complicating factors such as hyperemesis, gestational diabetes, or other conditions impacting nutritional needs.

Dietitians of Canada commends HPRAC for initiating scope of practice review enable interprofessional collaboration, and supports changes to regulated health professions that will result in safe, effective patient care.



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