

THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ENROLLED MIDWIVES

The scope of practice of an enrolled midwife shall entail the following acts of procedures which apply to the practice of midwifery:

1. The identification of a health need and the promotion of the health of the mother and child by means of examination and advice during, and supervision over and handling of, the normal pregnancy, uncomplicated labour and normal puerperium;
2. The promotion or maintenance of hygiene and physical comfort and the reassurance of the mother and child;
3. The promotion of exercise, rest and sleep;
4. The control, promotion and maintenance of the following in the mother and child:

Respiratory functions:
 - intake and output functions
 - blood pressure, temperature, pulse rate and foetal heart
5. The promotion, maintenance and improvement of the nutritional status of the mother and child;
6. The promotion of breastfeeding;
7. The provision of information on health and family planning;
8. The care of a dying patient, a recently deceased patient and a stillborn infant.