



Midwife Prescribing

On March 10, 2008, *The Midwifery Act* was proclaimed in Saskatchewan. This legislation allows for the delivery of regulated midwifery services in Saskatchewan and makes midwifery a provincially recognized and self-regulated health profession.

Midwives will be employed by regional health authorities to provide publicly funded services, while private practice midwives will continue to charge clients directly for their services.

Midwives will be able to order tests and assessments, including ultrasounds. They are also able to prescribe and administer many common drugs within the scope of practice of midwifery while caring for the woman and child during pregnancy, birth and throughout the postpartum period.

Within that scope of practice, midwives are authorized to prescribe the following drugs and categories of drugs:

- Analgesics
- Antibiotics
- Antiemetics
- Antifungals
- Antihemorrhoidal agents
- Antihistamines
- Contraceptives
- Crystalloid or colloid intravenous solutions
- Epinephrine
- Ergometrine
- Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine (HPV) Influenza vaccine
- Local anaesthetics
- Narcotic antagonists
- Non-prescription drugs
- Oxygen
- Oxytocin
- Prostaglandins
- Rho (D) immune globulin
- Rubella or mumps/rubella vaccine
- Sodium Bicarbonate
- Vitamin K