



PROGRAM POLICY

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PURPOSE: To provide guidance to paramedics when a midwife is with them on scene within the jurisdiction of the Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario.

REFERENCE: Interaction with and Transfer of Care from a Health Care Provider on Scene, Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario Policy CLI 110

Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards, “Regulated Health Professionals Standard,” Ministry of Health

College of Midwives of Ontario, Indication for Mandatory Discussion, Consultation and Transfer of Care, May 2003.

- POLICY:** When arriving at the scene with a midwife in attendance, paramedics and midwives will work co-operatively, making decisions and providing quality patient care for the mother and neonate at the scene and enroute to hospital.
- PROCEDURE:**
1. Upon arrival at the scene of an out-of-hospital birth where a midwife is assisting the mother, the paramedic will determine the following:
 - Confirm with the patient that this person has been retained by them to assist with the birth; and
 - Confirm the midwife is registered with the College of Midwives.
 2. Medical acts cannot be delegated by the midwife to the paramedic.
 3. Obtain a thorough report from the lead midwife.
 4. Determine the role in which the midwife requires ambulance services, i.e. transport to hospital only.
 5. The paramedic will work cooperatively with the midwife in providing quality care to the patient and/or neonate at the scene and en route to hospital.
 6. Upon completion of the call with a midwife present, the paramedic will note on the Ambulance Call Report, the midwife's name and involvement.
 7. In any situation involving unresolved conflict, the paramedic service and the Base Hospital Physician should be contacted.
 8. Contact the Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario as soon as possible after the call so the issue can be reviewed.
 9. Notify the paramedic service.
 10. Midwives often have admitting privileges at local hospitals and will make a request that the patient be transported to a specific site. Notification to CACC of this request is appropriate, however the paramedic is required to follow CACC direction.

Revision Record

Version number	Revision Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	August 2016	Pre-existing 2015 version reviewed as baseline for new versioning system.
	February 20, 2019	Removed from policy manual. Content merged with CLI110.
1.1	December 27, 2023	Retired policy and removed from online official policy manual