

4.1. RECOMMENDATION:

Should MIDWIVES diagnose preterm pre-labour rupture of membranes (pPROM) and deliver initial treatment of injectable antibiotics, using a standard syringe, before referral?

Problem: Poor access to injectable antibiotics for preterm PROM

Option: Midwives delivering injectable antibiotics

Comparison: Care delivered by other cadres or no care

Setting: Community/primary health care settings in LMICs with poor access to health professionals

Recommendation	<i>We recommend against the option</i>	<i>We suggest considering the option with targeted monitoring and evaluation</i>	<i>We recommend the option</i>
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We suggest considering this option with targeted monitoring and evaluation. We suggest using this intervention where midwives are already an established cadre and where a well-functioning referral system is in place or can be put in place.			
Justification	There is insufficient evidence on the effectiveness and feasibility of midwives diagnosing preterm pre-labour rupture of membranes (pPROM) and delivering initial treatment of injectable antibiotics using a standard syringe before referral. However, this intervention may be acceptable and feasible and may reduce inequalities by extending care to underserved populations.		
Implementation considerations	- Not applicable		
Monitoring and evaluation			
Research priorities			