

11.5. RECOMMENDATION:

Should MIDWIVES administer corticosteroids to pregnant women in the context of preterm labour to improve neonatal outcomes?

Problem: Poor access to treatment

Option: Midwives administering corticosteroids to pregnant women in the context of preterm labour

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 in the context of rigorous research</i>	<i>We recommend the option</i>
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We suggest considering the use of midwives to administer corticosteroids to pregnant women in the context of preterm labour in the context of rigorous research.			
Justification	There is insufficient evidence on the effectiveness of midwives administering corticosteroids to pregnant women for the foetus in the context of preterm labour. This intervention is probably feasible but its acceptability is uncertain. It may reduce inequalities by extending care to underserved populations. We therefore suggest considering the option in the context of rigorous research.		
Implementation considerations	Not applicable		
Monitoring and evaluation			
Research priorities	Studies assessing the effects and the acceptability of using midwives to administer) corticosteroids to pregnant women are needed		