

## 11.7. RECOMMENDATIONS:

## Should ASSOCIATE CLINICIANS perform vacuum extraction during childbirth?

Problem: Poor access to obstetric care

**Option**: Associate clinicians performing vacuum extraction **Comparison**: Procedure delivered by other cadres or no care

Setting: Health care facilities in LMICs

Recommendation	We recommend against the option	We suggest considering the option with targeted monitoring and evaluation	We recommend the option
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	We recommend against the use of associate clinicians to perform vacuum extraction during childbirth		
Justification	There is insufficient evidence on the effectiveness of associate clinicians performing vacuum extraction during childbirth, the intervention is outside of their typical scope of practice and its acceptability and feasibility are uncertain.		
Implementation considerations	- Not applicable		
Monitoring and evaluation			
Research priorities	Studies are needed to assess the effects of associate clinicians performing vacuum extraction or manual removal of the placenta.		