

11.13. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Should ASSOCIATE CLINICIANS perform caesarean sections?

Problem: Poor access to caesarean section
Option: Associate clinicians performing caesarean section
Comparison: Caesarean section delivered by other cadres
Setting: Health care facilities in LMICs

Recommendation	<i>We recommend against the option</i>	<i>We suggest considering the option targeted monitoring and evaluation</i>	<i>We recommend the option</i>
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Justification	We recommend against the use of associate clinicians to perform caesarean section. There is insufficient evidence on the effectiveness of associate clinicians performing caesarean section. We are also uncertain about its acceptability and its feasibility in many settings as associate clinicians do not generally have surgical skills.		
Implementation considerations	Not applicable		
Monitoring and evaluation			
Research priorities	Studies are needed to assess the effects of associate clinicians performing caesarean section.		