

10.1. RECOMMENDATION:

Should NON-SPECIALIST DOCTORS perform external cephalic version (ECV) for breech presentation at term?

Problem: Poor access to ECV

Option: Non-specialist doctors performing ECV

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 the use of non-specialist doctors to perform ECV for breech presentation at term with targeted monitoring and evaluation			
Justification	The available evidence suggests that the use of non-specialist doctors to perform ECV has important benefits, and is likely to be acceptable and feasible.		
Implementation considerations	<p>The following should be considered when using non-specialist doctors to deliver ECV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relevant professional bodies should be involved in the planning and implementation of the intervention to ensure acceptability among affected health workers - Clear scopes of practice are needed, and these need to be implemented at all levels of the health system. Linked to this, the distribution of roles and responsibilities between non-specialist doctors and other health workers needs to be made clear - Supervision and support need to be in place - Referral systems need to function well, i.e. financial, logistical (e.g. transport) and relational barriers need to be addressed - Non-specialist doctors need to receive appropriate training - Implementation needs to be in the context of a comprehensive remuneration scheme, in which salaries or incentives reflect any changes in scope of practice. Giving incentives for certain tasks but not for others may negatively affect the work that is carried out 		
Monitoring and evaluation	Monitoring and evaluation should assess providers' confidence to deliver the procedure; success rate of procedure; any complications		
Research priorities			