

**11.5. RECOMMENDATION:**
**Should AUXILIARY NURSES administer corticosteroids to pregnant women in the context of preterm labour to improve neonatal outcomes?**

**Problem:** Poor access to treatment in the context of preterm labour

**Option:** Auxiliary nurses administering corticosteroids

**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 only in the context of rigorous research</i>	<i>We recommend the option</i>
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We recommend against the use of auxiliary nurses to administer corticosteroids to pregnant women in the context of preterm labour			
<b>Justification</b>	There is insufficient evidence on the effectiveness of auxiliary nurses administering these drugs; and they do not have the necessary clinical skills for diagnosis of preterm labour. We therefore recommend against the option.		
<b>Implementation considerations</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Monitoring and evaluation</b>	-		
<b>Research priorities</b>	-		