

11.6. RECOMMENDATION:

Should AUXILIARY NURSES deliver maternal intrapartum care (including labour monitoring, e.g. using a partograph; foetal heart rate monitoring by auscultation; decision to transfer for poor progress; delivery of the baby)?

Problem: Poor access to intrapartum care
Option: Auxiliary nurses delivering intrapartum interventions
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</i> | <i>We recommend the option</i> |
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| We recommend against auxiliary nurses delivering these maternal intrapartum interventions. | | | |
| Justification | The effects of using auxiliary nurses to deliver maternal intrapartum care are uncertain. In addition, the delivery of intra-partum interventions requires considerable training and skills which auxiliary nurses do not generally have. Delivering this training would result in a different cadre. | | |
| Implementation considerations | Not applicable | | |
| Monitoring and evaluation | | | |
| Research priorities | Studies assessing the effects and the acceptability of using auxiliary nurses to deliver maternal intrapartum interventions are needed | | |