

8.1. RECOMMENDATION:

Should AUXILIARY NURSE MIDWIVES deliver injectable antibiotics for neonatal sepsis, using a standard syringe?

Problem: Poor access to treatment for neonatal sepsis

Option: Auxiliary nurse midwives delivering injectable antibiotics for neonatal sepsis

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 suggest considering this option in the context of rigorous research. We suggest evaluating this intervention where auxiliary nurse midwives are already an established cadre and where a well-functioning referral system is in place or can be put in place.			
Justification	There is insufficient evidence on the effectiveness of auxiliary nurse midwives delivering injectable antibiotics for neonatal sepsis using a standard syringe, and its feasibility is uncertain. However, this intervention may be acceptable and may reduce inequalities by extending care to underserved populations. Also, giving intramuscular and intravenous injections are generally within the standard competencies of auxiliary nurse midwives.		
Implementation considerations	Not applicable		
Monitoring and evaluation			
Research priorities	Studies are needed to assess the effects of using auxiliary nurse midwives to make a diagnosis and deliver injectable antibiotics for neonatal sepsis		