

**11.5. RECOMMENDATION:**

**Should AUXILIARY NURSE MIDWIVES administer corticosteroids to pregnant women in the context of preterm labour to improve neonatal outcomes?**

**Problem:** Poor access to treatment

**Option:** Auxiliary nurse midwives administering corticosteroids to pregnant women in the context of preterm labour

**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>	<b><i>We suggest considering the option in the context of rigorous research</i></b>	<i>We recommend the option</i>
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We suggest considering the 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.			
<b>Justification</b>	There is insufficient evidence on the effectiveness of auxiliary nurse midwives administering corticosteroids to pregnant women for the foetus in the context of preterm labour. However, auxiliary nurse midwives have the necessary clinical skills for diagnosis of preterm labour and for the administration of this drug and the intervention may be acceptable and feasible.		
<b>Implementation considerations</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Monitoring and evaluation</b>	-		
<b>Research priorities</b>	- Studies assessing the effects and the acceptability of using auxiliary nurse midwives to administer corticosteroids to pregnant women are needed		