

11.5. RECOMMENDATION:

Should NURSES administer corticosteroids to pregnant women in the context of preterm labour to improve neonatal outcomes?

Problem: Poor access to treatment

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