



## Recommendations from MCP<sup>2</sup>

### Overarching Recommendations:

1. Governments and other key stakeholders commit to the continuing development of a coordinated, pan-Canadian approach to multidisciplinary collaborative maternal / newborn care services that respect the diversities and realities of each province and territory.
2. Governments and other key stakeholders continue to advocate at a pan-Canadian level for the resources required to support the appropriate delivery of multidisciplinary collaborative maternal / newborn care services in each jurisdiction.
3. Governments and other key stakeholders continue to seek consensus for key strategies that will establish, retain or expand multidisciplinary collaborative maternity services for mothers and newborns in Canada.

### Recommendations to support the above:

- (a) Commitment to a **National Multidisciplinary Collaborative Primary Maternity Care Committee** as an advisory body to governments and other key stakeholders:
  - i. To ensure a pan-Canadian approach to maternal / newborn care services that also respect and support the current successes in each province and territory
  - ii. To facilitate planning and co-ordination of maternal / newborn care service initiatives
  - iii. To promote multidisciplinary collaborative maternal / newborn care services in Canada
- (b) Models of multidisciplinary collaborative primary maternal / newborn care developed with teams in rural, remote and urban locations across Canada, using:
  - i. The guidelines and knowledge transfer tools developed by MCP<sup>2</sup>
  - ii. Models with multidisciplinary collaborative maternal / newborn care teaching sites for undergraduate / postgraduate education and training linked with university-based educational / training programs as well as continuing professional development to expose students and postgraduate trainees to role models and programs

- iii. Collaborative maternal / newborn care sites to test alternative funding mechanisms and regulatory / legislative changes as well as to demonstrate and confirm professional liability protection appropriate to the collaborative group.
- (c) Recognizing the unique value and importance of each professional provider, federal / provincial / territorial governments and health authorities ensure that women and newborns have opportunities to access all appropriate maternal / newborn care services brought about by:
- i. Regulation, remuneration and educational programs that support collaborative maternal / newborn care in which patients have equal access to their provider of choice and other required resources
  - ii. Access to the appropriate complement of maternal / newborn care providers and other resources for mothers and newborns in rural, remote and underserved locations
- (d) All governments ensure regulators and legislators work collaboratively with maternal / newborn care providers to develop regulations and legislation that allow collaborative maternal / newborn care practice to work effectively. Efforts to achieve this goal involve:
- i. Reviews of legislation in each province and territory to harmonize maternal / newborn care terminology and scopes of practice that respect the unique value each maternal / newborn care provider brings to care through their education, training and experience
  - ii. The appropriate recognition, regulation and remuneration of midwives and nurse practitioners as providers of maternal / newborn care services in all jurisdictions throughout Canada
- (e) Governments and other key stakeholders ensure that information related to multidisciplinary collaborative maternal / newborn care is effectively communicated and readily available to all providers and consumers using:
- i. The development / maintenance of appropriate channels of communication, supported by a database of successful sites, potential mentors and key messages developed by stakeholders (e.g. website, commercial networks, etc.)
  - ii. An ongoing publication and dissemination of results from sites that demonstrate the successful implementation of multidisciplinary collaborative maternal / newborn care services