

POSITION STATEMENT

Vaginal Birth After Caesarean Section and Choice of Birthplace

The College of Midwives of Ontario's mission is to regulate midwifery in the public interest. In keeping with this mission, the College recognizes clients as the primary decision-makers in all aspects of their midwifery care. This means that clients must be supported in making decisions about their care based on their values and preferences as well as the research evidence and current recommendations relevant to their care.

As the primary decision-maker, a client can plan a vaginal birth after a previous caesarean section (VBAC) in all settings, including home. Midwives are required to provide care during labour and birth in the setting chosen by the client. Failure to do so may constitute an act of professional misconduct.

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