



SESSION 344

The New SOGC Attendance at and Resources for Delivery of Optimal Maternity Care

The SOGC would like to present the updated its Attendance at Labour Position Statement – now entitled Attendance at and Resources for Delivery of Optimal Maternity Care. The original statement was from 2000, and badly out of date. Both the original and updated statement were reviewed by numerous national societies for their input. This updated version is a consensus statement, with significant input from rural stakeholders to include relevant issues for maternity care to providers at all levels of care and in all geographic locations.

Highlights to be discussed include:

1. SOGC's desire to develop national standards and definitions of levels of care.
2. Need to support enhanced skills training for surgeons and family doctors.
3. The importance of supporting small remote hospitals against closure.
4. The importance of returning birth to the community and keeping families together for the birth experience.
5. The importance of mother's choice in these decisions.
6. How should families and providers make decisions about where they deliver?
7. Risk assessment and risk management.
8. The 30 minute "time to decision" recommendation as it applies to both rural and urban settings.
9. The 30 minute "time to incision" recommendation as it applies to both rural and urban setting.