



Evidence reviews

Evidence review

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The following documents contain the evidence that was used to develop the 2025 recommendations:

- [Effects and safety of water immersion during the second stage of labour](#)
- [Technical data underpinning the evidence review on effects and safety of water immersion during the second stage of labour](#)
- [Supporting document for the recommendations on fluid balance and peripartum hyponatraemia](#)

The following documents contain the evidence that was used to develop the 2023 recommendations:

- [Impact of BMI on choice of place of birth](#)
- [Initial assessment of women reporting prelabour rupture of membranes](#)
- [Sterile water injections](#)
- [Remifentanyl patient-controlled analgesia](#)
- [Programmed intermittent epidural bolus](#)
- [Use of oxytocin in the first or second stage of labour](#)
- [Position for birth](#)
- [Pushing techniques](#)
- [Interventions to reduce perineal trauma](#)
- [Prophylactic antibiotics for birth with forceps or ventouse](#)
- [Active and physiological management of the third stage](#)
- [Route of administration of oxytocin in the third stage of labour](#)
- [Uterotonics for the prevention of postpartum haemorrhage](#)
- [Position of the baby during cord clamping](#)
- [Pharmacological management of postpartum haemorrhage](#)

These documents preserve evidence reviews and committee discussions for areas of the guideline before 2023:

- [Full guideline](#)
- [Appendix Ia](#)
- [Appendix Ib](#)
- [Addendum 190.2](#)

Other supporting evidence

- [Supplement 1: Methods](#)
- [Supplement 2: Glossary and abbreviations](#)
- [Supplement 3: Editorial changes](#)
- [Supplement 4: Evidence tables for review M](#)
- [Supplement 5: GRADE tables for review M](#)
- [Supplement 6: Developer team](#)