

## Fetal Health Surveillance (FHS) - Intrapartum

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**To:** SDO Leadership, Clinicians – Maternity, Emergency, Family Medicine and Midwifery  
**Re:** New Provincial Intrapartum Fetal Health Surveillance Clinical Guideline  
**From:** Shared Health - Women's Health Provincial Clinical Team (PCT)

Dear Colleagues,

The provincially approved **Fetal Health Surveillance (FHS) – Intrapartum** clinical guideline standardizes hospital fetal monitoring during the intrapartum period. The guideline is effective as of **July 12, 2023**.

This evidence-informed guideline was developed to reinforce best practices for fetal surveillance during labour and birth in Manitoba and ensure both consistent practice across the province. This clinical guideline was developed in collaboration with nurses, physicians and midwives in the Provincial Obstetrical Working Group (OWG) and has been reviewed by the Women's Health Provincial Clinical Team among other stakeholder groups.

This guideline aligns with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada clinical practice guideline *No. 396 – Fetal Health Surveillance: Intrapartum Consensus Guideline*. This ensures that patients in labour receive appropriate monitoring from staff who have obtained standardized training and decrease the incidences of adverse fetal and maternal outcomes.

### To facilitate implementation:

- Review the new provincial Intrapartum Fetal Health Surveillance guideline.
- Disseminate this document to all stakeholders in your area by July 12, 2023.
- Attend the July 18<sup>th</sup> implementation webinar or view a recording.
- SDOs, facilities or programs: hyperlink directly to the Shared Health intrapartum FHS guideline in replacement of conflicting governance documents e.g. local policies and guidelines related to this subject matter.
- If there are any questions regarding this guideline please contact the Provincial Clinical Service Lead - Women's and Child Health- [Angela Matwick](#).

The guideline and supporting materials will be available at [Shared Health Clinical Projects, Standards, and Guidelines](#).

### Education and Training:

- A [guideline implementation education webinar](#) is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 1200-1245hr via MS TEAMS. The webinar recording will be posted afterwards on the [SH Health Providers Clinical Project, Standards and Guidelines](#) website.

We appreciate your support as we move towards evidence-based practice to optimize our delivery of timely services in the province.