



DID YOU KNOW?

Registered Midwifery Facts



Registered Midwives (RMs):

Are regulated by the College of Midwives of British Columbia. The College sets standards of professional practice for registered midwives and works to ensure RMs meet those standards to deliver safe, ethical and effective care.



Are required to meet certain criteria for re-registering each year with their College.

It is a requirement to support home births and actively attend 10 home births in their first two years of practice. After that it is 5 home births in 5 years. Midwives are also required to update their Neonatal resuscitation (NRP), Fetal Health Surveillance (FHS), Emergency skills and CPR regularly.



Specialize in healthy, low risk pregnancies.

Consult with local Obstetricians when problems arise in pregnancy that are out of the RM scope.



Book up fast.

Women generally apply as soon as they find out they're pregnant. Women can self-refer to Registered Midwives if they choose.

To find a local RM, visit:
www.bcmidwives.com/find-a-midwife.html



Take on women at approximately 8-10 weeks pregnant and see patients until 6 weeks postpartum which includes breastfeeding support.



Bill MSP for services.



A full time caseload is 40-60 births per year.

RMs are capped at 60 births by their College.



Can prescribe fentanyl and morphine for women in labour.



There are 20 Registered Midwives that hold privileges at the Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

These providers are dispersed into 6 different clinics in the following communities:

- 3 in Abbotsford
- 2 in Chilliwack
- 1 in Mission

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