

**ASSISTING WITH SPONTANEOUS VAGINAL BIRTH (ACCOUCHEUR)**

*Demonstrates safe, effective midwifery care for a woman and her baby as the accoucheur for a spontaneous vaginal birth*

<b>Performance Criteria</b> (Numbers indicate NMBA Midwife Standards for Practice [PS] and Code of Conduct for Midwives [CoC])		<b>US</b> (Unsatisfactory)	<b>D</b> (Needs Development)	<b>C</b> (Competent)
1.	Obtains maternity records & reviews history, birth & postnatal care plan [CoC 2.1; PS 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4]			
2.	Addresses woman respectfully by introducing self, others, and professional roles [CoC 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.3, 3.5; PS 1.1, 2.1, 2.3]			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Asks questions sensitively and clarifies birth and postnatal plan			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Invites woman to ask questions, listens and responds appropriately & respectfully throughout appropriate to context of labour & birth territory			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Body language, eye contact, voice and expression indicate non-judgmental positive regard			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gains informed consent using language that is readily understood and communicates effectively to maximise information sharing			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Arranges interpreter if required			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintains woman's privacy & confidentiality throughout			
3.	Organises equipment and records required for episode of care [CoC 2.1; PS 4.4]			
4.	Adheres to standard precautions throughout including hand hygiene [CoC 1.2, 2.1; PS 3.2]			
5.	Positions self & others safely throughout considering comfort & privacy [CoC 2.1, 3.5; PS 2.3]			
6.	Adheres to local practice guideline for maternal/fetal observations and contemporaneous documentation for second, third and fourth stage of labour care [CoC 1.2, 2.1; PS 3.2, 3.6]			
7.	Professional communication with maternity care team [CoC 2.1, 2.2, 3.3; PS 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.8, 5.2, 6.3]			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Respectfully negotiates midwifery care & birth plan with maternity team			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Agrees on midwifery role/s, scope of practice, if second midwife is present			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensures health care staff required at birth are notified & available			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Escalates assistance if required at any stage of labour/birth care			
8.	Maintains a quiet and clam environment throughout [CoC 2.1, 2.2; PS 1.7, 2.2]			
9.	Midwifery care; assisting with progress of second stage care as per local practice guideline [CoC 2.1, 2.2, 3.3; PS 3.1, 3.2, 3.8]			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting with mobility, positioning as requested and required			

	<input type="checkbox"/> Assists woman with appropriate instructions/care of advancing fetal head			
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Observes perineum and responds appropriately			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Verbalises when crowning occurs			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Observes for restitution and rotation			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gently places hands to apply traction to birth anterior shoulder, if required, and provides support of head and neck throughout as required			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Observes escape of posterior shoulder & observes & supports the perineum as required			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gently supports newborn during birth (lateral flexion) & places on mother's chest			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Verbalises time of birth			
10.	<b>Midwifery care; assisting with third stage care as per local practice guideline [CoC 2.1, 2.2, 2.3; PS 1.3, 2.1, 3.2, 3.8, 4.2, 4.3]</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintains a warm, calm environment and skin to skin throughout			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensures newborn's adaptation to extra-uterine life is supervised by assisting maternity care provider & APGAR scores recorded			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clamps and cuts cord taking into account parental wishes			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Assists the woman to birth the placenta considering her wishes for active or physiological management appropriate to circumstances			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Recognises & states signs of placental separation			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepares environment/equipment to collect placenta & blood loss			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports placenta to deliver membranes intact and verbalizes estimate of blood loss			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gently palpates uterine fundus & verbalizes consistency and position			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Examines placenta for completeness & normality			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Examines perineum, vagina and labia for lacerations following informed consent			
11.	<b>Midwifery care; assisting with fourth stage care as per local practice guideline [CoC 2.1, 2.2; PS 1.3, 2.1, 3.2, 4.2, 4.3]</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepares a clean, warm, private & comfortable environment for the woman			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintains an undisturbed environment for skin to skin contact/family bonding for as long as appropriate			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Encourages & assists with early breastfeeding appropriate to woman's wishes			

	<input type="checkbox"/> Carries out appropriate mother/baby observations as per local practice guideline			
12.	Reports/records consultations, observations & findings, mutual decisions & plans [CoC 2.1, 2.2, 3.3; PS 2.8, 4.3, 5.4, 6.3]			
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	<input type="checkbox"/> In medical records & reporting system for mother and newborn			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Communicates to woman about immediate ongoing care needs			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consults & collaborates with relevant maternity care team & escalates appropriately for review/assistance if required			
13.	Cleans/unclutters environment, returns/disposes of equipment appropriately [CoC 1.2; PS 3.2, 4.4]			
14.	Questions to clarify midwifery knowledge, behaviours, skills and attitudes. Discuss the evidence and relevance as it relates to the circumstances from the assessment [CoC 2.1; PS 6.4, 7.3]			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Describe the mechanism of normal labour			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Describe lit guideline for management of third stage labour			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Describe the mechanisms & care considerations for posterior positions			
<b>Explanation Performance Criteria</b> Educators/Mentors are advised to provide feedback where Requires Development 'D' or Unsatisfactory 'US' is recorded				
<b>C</b> Assesse has attained the required level of proficiency and is considered competent		<b>D</b> Assesse needs to practice / develop skills to obtain competency. Please refer to facility or education providers pathway for remediation		<b>US</b> Assesse has not demonstrated safe effective practice and requires ongoing supervision and practice. Please refer to facility or education providers pathway for unsatisfactory practice
Comments:				
Student Signature:				
Educator Signature			Date:	
Where did this birth occur (please circle): A planned home birth / A planned hospital birth / Other (explain):				