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Highlighted text within this policy indicates an update

FACULTY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
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On 01/07/11, NMC amending legislation enabled student midwives to administer medicines on the midwives exemptions list, except for controlled drugs, under the direct supervision of a midwife.

The midwife supervising the administration of medicines by a student midwife must have undertaken an approved mentorship programme and be a **sign off mentor**.

Midwives Exemptions

Registered midwives may supply and administer, on their own initiative, any of the substances that are specified in medicines legislation under midwives exemptions, provided it is in the course of their professional practice. They may do so without the need for a prescription or patient-specific direction (PSD) from a medical practitioner. Providing the requirements of any conditions attached to those exemptions are met, a patient group directive (PGD) is not required. If a medicine is not included in the midwives exemptions then a prescription, or a PSD, or a PGD will be required.

Student midwives may not administer controlled drugs **but may participate in the checking and preparation of controlled drugs** for administration on the midwives exemption list under the direct supervision of a registered midwife.

Students may not supply and / or administer medicines even under direct supervision if the medicines are supplied / administered under patient group directives (PGDs).

Definitions:

Patient Group Directive – Written instructions for the supply or administration of named medicines to specific groups of patients who may not be individually identified before prescribing for treatment.

Direct supervision – the registered midwife is physically present, in close proximity to the student, from beginning to end of the procedure enabling a clear view of the student's actions and immediate intervention if necessary.

Indirect supervision – the midwife must give guidance to the student before the procedure, and be available to offer further guidance, support and feedback to the student, but not necessarily in close proximity.

- 1) At all times students **must adhere to Trust policies and procedures.**
- 2) Students **must not** undertake any procedure they have not been instructed in and / or do not feel confident or competent to perform. The midwife must ensure a student fulfils these criteria before enabling the student to commence a procedure.
- 3) Please note that intravenous therapy relates to Saline, Glucose, Gelofusine, Hartmann's solution and Saline and Glucose with potassium already added. **Administering of intravenous solutions with Syntocinon added by controlling the flow rate is permitted under direct supervision of a midwife.** Mixing of intravenous drugs and antibiotics by student midwives is NOT permitted.
- 4) Student midwives must adhere to NMC Circular 07/2011 changes to Midwives Exemptions.

Medication administration and Student Midwives	<u>Year 1.</u>	<u>Year 2.</u>	<u>Year 3.</u>
Single Midwife medication administration	Not applicable		
Oral excluding controlled Drugs (CD's)	<p>Can administer medication under direct supervision of Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>Can complete medication round with a Registered Midwife</p> <p>Observe support given by midwife for mothers self-medicating & mothers medicating their babies</p>	<p>Can administer medications under direct supervision of Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>Can complete medication round with a Registered Midwife</p> <p>May support mothers self-medicating under supervision of a sign off mentor May observe midwife supporting mothers medicating their babies</p>	<p>Can administer medication under direct supervision of Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>Can complete medication round with a Registered Midwife</p> <p>May support mothers self-medicating and support mothers medicating their babies under supervision of a sign off mentor</p>
Intravenous (IV) medication administration & Flushing of cannulae.	Can observe only		
	Administering of intravenous solutions with Syntocinon added by controlling the flow rate is permitted under direct supervision of a midwife who must be a sign off mentor		

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<p>Subcutaneous/ Intramuscular medication (SC / IM)</p> <p>Neonates</p>	<p>Can observe, prepare and administer under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>2 qualified Midwives must check drug</p>	<p>Can observe, prepare and administer under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>2 qualified Midwives must check drug</p>	<p>Can observe, prepare and administer under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>2 qualified Midwives must check drug</p>
<p>Intravenous therapy using gravity fed or infusion devices – ready prepared clear fluids e.g. saline, Hartman’s</p>	<p>Can prime connect and administer under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife/Sign off mentor</p> <p>Observe only for neonates</p>	<p>Can prime and connect under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife/Sign off Mentor</p> <p>Can administer under direct supervision of Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>Observe only for neonates</p>	<p>Can prime and connect under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>Can administer under direct supervision of Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>Observe only for neonates</p>

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Intravenous therapy using gravity fed or infusion devices – ready prepared clear fluids e.g. saline, Hartman’s PLUS Syntocinon as an additive NB no other additives (Not applicable for neonates)	Can observe only	Can prime, connect and administer under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife/Sign off mentor	Can prime, connect and administer under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife/Sign off mentor
Epidural analgesia (Not applicable for neonates)	Can observe only		
Per Rectum (PR) (Not applicable for neonates)	Can administer suppositories and enemas under direct supervision of Registered Midwife Sign off mentor	Can administer suppositories and enemas under direct supervision of Registered Midwife sign off mentor	Can administer suppositories and enemas under direct supervision of Registered Midwife sign off mentor
Vaginal preparations for labour induction	Can observe only		Can insert under direct supervision of Midwife sign off mentor as per individual Trust policy

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Inhaled therapy e.g. Entonox	Following the midwife's guidance to a mother on self-administration, the student can support a mother self-medicating under direct supervision sign off mentor	The student can provide guidance, and support a mother self-medicating under supervision of a sign off mentor	The student can provide guidance, and support a mother self-medicating under supervision of sign off mentor
Topical – including vaginal preparations acting locally e.g. Canesten cream	<p>Can apply topical creams and solutions under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>Observe support for mothers self-medicating & mothers medicating their babies</p>	<p>Can apply topical creams and solutions under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>May support mothers self-medicating under supervision of a sign off mentor</p> <p>May observe midwife supporting mothers medicating their babies</p>	<p>Can apply topical creams and solutions under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p>May support mothers self-medicating and support mothers medicating their babies</p>
Controlled Drug administration (CD's)	Can observe only	May participate in the checking and preparation for administration under direct supervision of 2 Registered Midwives.	May participate in the checking and preparation for administration under direct supervision of 2 Registered Midwives

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Via Nasogastric Tube for neonates	Can observe only	Can observe only	Can observe only
Blood transfusion / blood product infusion e.g. plasma	Can observe only	<p>Can monitor the condition of the mother under direct supervision of the Registered sign off mentor Midwife</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Observe only for neonates</p>	<p>Can monitor the condition of the mother under direct supervision of the Registered Midwife sign off mentor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Observe only for neonates</p>