


California College of Midwives
State chapter ~ American College of Community Midwives

Section One

**PROHIBITIONS RELATIVE TO THE
DOMICILIARY-BASED PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY**

 **Restrictions and prohibitions on the out-of-hospital administration of medications, surgical procedures and instrumental deliveries**

A. The Midwife shall not administer or inject any prescription drugs except as indicated in the LMPA and its amendments or as authorized by a licensed physician or licensed physician-associate (PA, RNC, CNM).

B. Administration of labor-stimulating prescription drugs prohibited

1. The use of synthetic prostaglandin compounds for cervical ripening such as but not limited to Cervidil, Prepidil, or Cytotec, is prohibited for out-of-hospital use, even when prescribed by a physician or physician associate.

2. The use of artificial oxytocics, such as Pitocin, to induce or augment labor, is prohibited through all routes of administration for out-of-hospital use, even when prescribed by a physician or physician associate.

C. Prohibited and Permitted Surgical Procedures ~ The Midwife shall *not* perform any routine operative procedures or surgical repairs other than:

1. artificial rupture of membranes (AROM)
2. clamping and cutting of the newborn's umbilical cord
3. perform and repair of episiotomy
4. perineal/vaginal repair after delivery

D. Instrumental Delivery ~ The Midwife shall not use forceps and/or vacuum extraction to assist the birth of the baby.