



Statement: Supporting Primary Care and Midwifery Provision of Medication Abortion in Canada

The Reproductive and Sexual Health Advocacy Committee of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada affirms that access to safe, evidence-based abortion care, including medication abortion, is an essential component of comprehensive reproductive health care and a fundamental aspect of patient autonomy and well-being.

Medication abortion is a safe and effective intervention that can be provided by qualified health professionals in community settings. Primary care providers—including family physicians and nurse practitioners—play a critical role in ensuring equitable access, particularly in rural, remote, and underserved communities. Supporting provision within primary care helps reduce barriers, improves timeliness of care, and promotes continuity within trusted therapeutic relationships.

Midwives are regulated health professionals with expertise in reproductive and early pregnancy care. While midwives are authorized to provide medication abortion in some Canadian jurisdictions, this is not yet consistent across the country. The Federation of Medical Women of Canada supports expanding equitable regulatory access to enable midwives to provide medication abortion within their scope of practice across all provinces and territories. Removing these barriers would improve access to care and support a collaborative, patient-centred model of reproductive health service delivery.

The Committee recognizes the Canadian Abortion Providers Support – Community of Practice (CAPS), developed in collaboration with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, as an important national resource. CAPS provides evidence-based clinical guidance, tools, and implementation support for clinicians providing medication abortion care. <https://caps.sogc.org/>

The Federation of Medical Women of Canada remains committed to supporting qualified providers and advancing equitable access to comprehensive reproductive health services across Canada.

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