

Midwife's Responsibilities

- To inform you of my qualifications and affiliations.
- To attend your prenatal and birth with the skills I have gained over my years of attending births in the hospital as a doula, and at home as a midwife. I am not a doctor, and will refer you when your needs are no longer able to be fulfilled under my scope of practice.
- To offer references from other professionals or clients.
- To keep you informed of your condition so that you can make informed decisions regarding your pregnancy and birth.
- To give you a copy of your records if you want them.
- To visit with you prenatally and assess the following:

While Pregnant:

Blood pressure, weight, urinalysis that checks for protein and glucose, fundal height and position of the baby by palpation, fetal heart tones, nutritional counseling.

While in Labor:

I am available when you need me in active labor. I will assist with comfort measures and gentle guidance. I will monitor mom and baby's well-being during labor, birth, and the postpartum period. I will watch carefully for complications.

Postpartum:

I will stay for about two or so hours postpartum to assess mom/baby's well being.
I will do a 24-36 hour check up on mom and baby.
I am available 24/7 for questions or concerns.
I do check-ups on mom and baby on day 3 or 4, day 7 or 14, and at 6 weeks.

We, the undersigned have read and asked questions and completely understand our responsibilities as written above and we sign this as acknowledgement of an agreement between both parties to fulfill said responsibilities.

_____ Parents

_____ Midwife

_____ Date