

**Draft Regulation**

Midwives Act  
(R.S.Q., c. S-0.1)

**Midwives****— Examinations and analyses that a midwife may prescribe, conduct or interpret**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the examinations and analyses that a midwife may prescribe, conduct or interpret in the practice of midwifery, adopted by the Office des professions du Québec, may be submitted to the Government which may approve it, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation establishes a list of the examinations and analyses that a midwife may prescribe, conduct or interpret and determines the conditions under which a midwife may do so.

The Office foresees that the new measures will have no impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ugo Chaillez, Direction des affaires juridiques, Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3; telephone: 418 643-6912 or 1 800 643-6912; fax: 418 643-0973.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation may submit comments to the Chair of the Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3, within the 45-day period. The comments will be forwarded by the Office to the Minister responsible for the administration of legislation respecting the professions and may also be sent to the professional order that made the Regulation and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

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*Chair of the Office des  
professions du Québec*

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**Regulation respecting the examinations and analyses that a midwife may prescribe, conduct or interpret in the practice of midwifery**

Midwives Act  
(R.S.Q., c. S-0.1, s. 9)

**1.** The examinations and analyses that a midwife may prescribe, conduct or interpret are

(1) the examinations and analyses for the mother listed in Schedule I, on the conditions, if applicable, determined in the Schedule;

(2) the examinations and analyses for the child listed in Schedule II; and

(3) the examinations and analyses for the father listed in Schedule III, on the conditions determined in the Schedule.

**2.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

**SCHEDULE I**

(s. 1)

## EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYSES CONCERNING THE MOTHER

	<b>Prescribe</b>	<b>Conduct</b>	<b>Interpret</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
24-hour proteinuria	X	X	X	After 20 weeks of pregnancy
Amniocentesis	X			
Anatomopathology of placenta, membranes and cord	X			
Bacteriological cultures of body fluids and bacterial sensitivity test to antibiotics	X	X	X	
Biophysical profile	X			
Blood group and rhesus	X	X	X	
Complete blood count	X	X	X	
Detection of foetal cells (Kleihauer)	X	X	X	For rhesus negative mothers undergoing surgery or suffering a trauma increasing the risk of foeto-maternal transfusion where no immunoglobulin prophylaxy has been received
Ferritin	X	X	X	
Foetal monitoring	X	X	X	
Folic acid	X	X	X	
Glucose tolerance test	X	X	X	
Glycemia	X	X	X	
Hemoglobin electrophoresis	X	X		For mothers at risk of hemoglobinopathy
Hepatic profile (LDH, ALT, AST, GGT, conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin)	X	X	X	
Immune antibodies search	X	X	X	
Indirect antiglobulin test	X	X	X	
Non-stress test	X	X	X	
Obstetric ultrasound	X			

	<b>Prescribe</b>	<b>Conduct</b>	<b>Interpret</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
Papanicolaou's stain test (endocervix, ectocervix and vagina cytology)	X	X		
Pregnancy test (blood B-HCG)	X	X	X	
Pregnancy test (urine HCG)	X	X	X	
Renal functions studies (BUN, creatinine, protein, albumin, uric acid, urea)	X	X	X	
Serological examinations	X	X	X	
Serum iron + complement fixation (TIBC)	X	X	X	
Serum markers	X	X		
STI screening	X	X	X	
Toxicology screening	X	X	X	
TSH level	X	X	X	
Urianalysis (physical and microscopic)	X	X	X	
Vitamin B12 level	X	X	X	

**SCHEDULE II**

(s. 1)

**EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYSES CONCERNING THE CHILD**

	<b>Prescribe</b>	<b>Conduct</b>	<b>Interpret</b>
Bacteriological cultures of body fluids and bacterial sensitivity test to antibiotics	X	X	X
Blood group and rhesus	X	X	X
Complete blood count	X	X	X
Conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin	X	X	X
Direct antiglobulin test (DAT)	X	X	X
Genetic disease (PKU) screening	X	X	
Glycemia	X	X	X
Non-invasive monitoring using pulse oximeter	X	X	X
Toxicology screening	X	X	X

**SCHEDULE III**

(s. 1)

## EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYSES CONCERNING THE FATHER

	<b>Prescribe</b>	<b>Conduct</b>	<b>Interpret</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
Blood group and rhesus	X	X	X	Test reserved for the biological father of the foetus of a rhesus negative mother
Hemoglobin electrophoresis	X	X		Test reserved for the biological father of the foetus of a mother carrier of sickle cell trait or other hemoglobinopathy to evaluate foetal risk

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