Nurse and midwife provision of mifepristone and misoprostol for the purpose of early medical abortion

- Can improve access to timely and safe abortion
- Can reduce health system costs:
 - Shorter time spent in the clinic;
 - Reduced waiting time to appointment;
 - A cost-efficient workforce;
 - Reduced costs for treatment of complications



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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A CONSENSUS STATEMENT

- Reform State-based legislation to:
 - Allow nurse practitioners and endorsed midwives to prescribe mifepristone and misoprostol as MS-2 Step
 - Allow suitably trained and endorsed/authorised registered nurses and registered midwives to obtain, supply and administer mifepristone and misoprostol for medical abortion under a scheduled medical authorisation, standing order or state approved drug therapy protocol
- Amend Therapeutic Goods Administration conditions of approval to include nurse practitioners and endorsed midwives as MS-2 Step prescribers
- Apply to Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee include nurse practitioners and endorsed midwives as MS-2 Step prescribers
- Nursing and Midwifery Board to expand nurse practitioners' and endorsed midwives' scope of practice to include medical abortion
- Employers should allow registered nurses and registered midwives to administer mifepristone and misoprostol for the purposes of medical abortion through the use of standing orders and amendments to practice policy and procedures
- Increase training in medical abortion provision for nurse practitioners, endorsed midwives, registered nurses and registered midwives



Nurse Practitioner and Endorsed Midwife provision of mifepristone and misoprostol for the purpose of early medical abortion

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?

STATE LEGISLATION Reforms to allow nurse practitioners and endorsed midwives to prescribe mifepristone and misoprostol as MS-2 Step

THERAPEUTIC
GOODS
ADMINISTRATION

Amend the conditions of approval to include nurse practitioners and endorsed midwives as MS-2 Step prescribers

PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS

Apply to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee to include nurse practitioners and endorsed midwives as MS-2 Step prescribers

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Nursing and Midwifery Board to expand nurse practitioners' and endorsed midwives' scope of practice to include medical abortion

TRAINING

Increased training in medical abortion for all nurse practitioners and endorsed midwives



Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife provision of mifepristone and misoprostol for the purpose of early medical abortion

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?

STATE LEGISLATION

Reforms to allow suitably trained and endorsed/ authorised registered nurses and midwives to obtain, supply and administer mifepristone and misoprostol under a scheduled medical authorisation, standing order or state approved drug therapy protocol

EMPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Employers should allow registered nurses and registered midwives to administer mifepristone and misoprostol for the purpose of medical abortion through the use of standing orders and amendments to practice policy and procedures

TRAINING

Increased training in medical abortion for all registered nurses and registered midwives

