

# **Domain 4: Achieving quality care through evaluation and research**

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Competency	Point of entry: Essential knowledge, understanding and skill application required	Part 1: CBT	Part 2: OSCE
1. Applies the relevant knowledge to their practice in structured ways which are capable of evaluation. This will include: critical appraisal of knowledge and research evidence, critical appraisal of the midwife's own practice, gaining feedback from women and their families and appropriately applying this to practice, and disseminating critically appraised good practice to others.	1. Provides accurate and comprehensive written reports based on best available evidence. C4	Y	Y
	2. Respects the role of women as partners in their care and contributions they can make to it. C16	Y	
	3. Understands the nature of evidence and how to evaluate the strength of research evidence used to back information. B6	Y	
	4. Critically appraises and justifies the use of any intervention, for example artificial rupture of membranes, continuous electronic fetal monitoring, urinary catheterisation, in order to facilitate a spontaneous vaginal birth. L18	Y	Y
2. Informs and develops the midwife's own practice and the practice of others through using the best available evidence and reflecting on practice. This will include: keeping up to date with evidence, applying evidence to practice and alerting others to new evidence for them to apply to their own practice.	1. Through reflection and evaluation demonstrates commitment to personal and professional development. C40	Y	Y
3. Manages and develops care utilising the most appropriate information technology (IT) systems. This will include: recording practice in consistent formats on IT systems for wider scale analysis, using analysis of data from IT systems, applying this to practice and evaluating practice based on data analysis.	1. Is familiar with accessing and recording information other than in handwritten form, such as texting. C5	Y	
	2. Interprets data/results accurately and shares this information sensitively with women, including having the ability to discuss any further action/consequences as necessary. IC3	Y	Y
	3. Conducts general information sharing, for example optimum times for testing, as appropriate through a variety of multi-media channels such as texting. IC4	Y	Y
4. Contributes to the audit of practice in order to optimise the care of women, babies and their families. This will include: auditing the individual's own practice and contributing to the audit of team practice.	1. Challenges the practice of self and others across the multi-professional team. C43	Y	
	2. Acts as an effective role model in decision-making, taking action and supporting more junior staff. C44	Y	Y