Evidence-based medicines administration and optimisation: shared skills for Domains 3 and 4

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6.50demonstrate the ability to work in partnership with the woman to assess and provide care and support across the continuum that ensures the safe administration of medicines

6.50.1carry out initial and continued assessments of women and their ability to self-administer their own medications

6.50.2recognise the various procedural routes under which medicines can be prescribed, supplied, dispensed and administered; and the laws, policies, regulations and guidance that underpin them

6.50.3use the principles of safe remote prescribing and directions to administer medicines, including safe storage, transportation and disposal of medicinal products

6.50.4demonstrate the ability to safely supply and administer medicines listed in Schedule 17 of the Human Medicines Regulations (midwives exemptions) and any subsequent legislation and demonstrate the ability to check the list regularly

6.50.5undertake accurate drug calculations for a range of medications

6.50.6undertake accurate checks, including transcription and titration, of any direction to supply and administer a medicinal product

6.50.7exercise professional accountability in ensuring the safe administration of medicines, via a range of routes, to women and newborn infants

6.50.8administer injections using intramuscular, subcutaneous, intradermal and intravenous routes and manage injection equipment

6.50.9recognise and respond to adverse or abnormal reactions to medications for the woman and the newborn infant, and the potential impact on the fetus and the breastfed infant

6.50.10recognise the impact of medicines in breastmilk and support the woman to continue to responsively feed her newborn infant and/or to express breastmilk.