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**Clinical Supervision Position Statement for Nurses and
Midwives - Launch 8 April 2019**

The Australian College of Midwives (ACM) is proud to announce that the jointly developed Position Statement 'Clinical Supervision for Nurses and Midwives' has been formally launched today.

In January the ACM Board endorsed the Position Statement which was developed in partnership with the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) and the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (ACMHN).

Prior to this important work commencing, ACM did not have a Position Statement on Clinical Supervision. It was a logical step to work with ACN and ACMHN to develop a Statement to formalise ACM's position.

In February 2018 work began when the ACMHN reached out to ACM to join a small working party to assist in the process to update the ACMHN Clinical Supervision Position Statement so that it would also include midwives. ACM member Bev Love filled this position.

In May 2018 it became apparent that a complete rework of the Position Statement was going to be undertaken and that the new version would be a joint Position Statement between ACM, ACN and ACMHN and importantly reflective of midwifery and nursing as distinct professions. ACM's Midwifery Advisors Sarah Stewart, and Ruth King joined the working group and review process. Significant changes were made to ensure inclusion of midwives throughout the Position Statement and Background Paper.

ACM believes this statement highlights the importance of Clinical Supervision for midwives as well as providing support and direction and clarifying the key elements and intended outcomes for those who engage in Clinical Supervision.

ACM's Acting CEO Ruth King said, "Wellbeing of midwives is vital to maintaining a healthy workforce. ACM strongly believes in supporting midwives and their professional development through clear, structured clinical supervision and is proud to release this Position Statement to support all midwives working in clinical practice."

You can access the Position Statement here: <https://www.midwives.org.au/position-statements>

Additional information

The Australian College of Midwives (ACM) is the peak professional body for midwives in Australia who are registered with, and regulated by, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). The ACM's position is that women be attended during pregnancy, birth and postnatally by a midwife who is registered with the NMBA.