

# All Wales Guideline

## Prevention and Management of Postpartum Haemorrhage

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Brief Summary of Document:	The aim of this guideline is to ensure that women do not come to avoidable harm, including death, as the result from bleeding following giving birth through timely prediction, identification and management of PPH.				
Scope	This guideline applies to women who present in the hospital or home environment with a postpartum haemorrhage and is to be followed by obstetricians, midwives, anaesthetists and other healthcare professionals involved in caring for these patients.				
To be read in conjunction with:	501 – Investigation and Management of Incidents 503 – Major Haemorrhage Procedure				
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1	New guideline	23.4.2019

## Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
PPH	Postpartum haemorrhage

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## 1. SCOPE

This guideline applies to women who present in the hospital or home environment with a postpartum haemorrhage and is to be followed by obstetricians, midwives, anaesthetists and other healthcare professionals involved in caring for these patients.

'The term "woman/women" in the context of this document is used as a biologically based term and is not intended to exclude trans and non-binary people who do not identify as women.'

## 2. AIM

The aim of this guideline is to ensure that women do not come to avoidable harm, including death, as the result from bleeding following giving birth.

## 3. OBJECTIVE

The aim of this guideline will be achieved by the following objectives:

- The timely prediction and prevention of postpartum haemorrhage
- Appropriate management of postpartum haemorrhage
- Continuous auditing of compliance with guideline

## 4. PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF POSTPARTUM HAEMORRHAGE GUIDELINE

[755-AW Prevention of Postpartum Haemorrhage All Wales Document](#)

**HDUHB does not support the use of Misoprostol as first line treatment in the Pharmacological Management of PPH (pg.12 All Wales Prevention of PPH).**

Datix completion should take place for a PPH >1500ml.

## 5. MONITORING

A clinical audit programme will consider the following:

- Annual attendance at mandatory emergency skills training
- The proportion of women who undergo standard risk assessment when they present in labour
- Use of Measuring Blood Loss Pro Forma for all births
- 4 stage approach compliance

The results of the clinical audit programme will be considered at the Women and Children's Directorate Quality, Safety and Experience Group meeting.

## 6. REFERENCES

All Wales Guideline Prevention and Management of Postpartum Haemorrhage, 1000Lives, 2017.