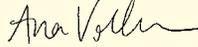


## From the Editors

Providing the highest standard of care is something to which all midwives and clinicians strive. Barriers to providing this level of quality care can be many, and may range from a lack of information and training, to structural challenges, to there simply not being a definition of what constitutes the highest standard of care. This summer's issue touches on some of these barriers, with stories of success at the legislative and organizational levels – CPMs and CMs gain licensure in Maine, and ICTC joins US MERA – that work towards increasing access to high-quality midwifery care for families. In-depth coverage of clinical issues at the heart of midwifery practice has the potential to refine informed choice about vitamin K prophylaxis, and to help midwives be more prepared to handle the birth of an intersex baby. This issue also raises important questions for midwives practicing in homes and birth centers about the level of resuscitation they are able to provide to newborns, and asks whether profession-wide reflection on the standards and training for neonatal resuscitation outside of the hospital is needed. In different ways, this issue's articles reflect on the current standard of care, ask how we can improve it, and offer some tools to get started. As always, we are accepting submissions and recruiting peer reviewers – so if you'd like to get involved with the work of MM, don't hesitate to be in touch.

This will be my last issue as Editor. I look forward to becoming a regular subscriber and reader of the journal, and to watching MM evolve and grow. It has been a real privilege to earn your readership over the past two years - thank you!



As Ana moves out of the role of Editor to further her education, I must reflect on the incredible work she has done to conceive, build, and develop this journal. I am sincere in saying we could not have done it without her amazing set of skills, vision, and wisdom. She has set MM off on sure footing and we will be forever grateful for her service to Birthwise and the CPM profession. This is such important work and it takes people like Ana to lead the way. Thank you from all of us at Birthwise, Ana!

*Midwifery Matters* will, of course, continue to be published twice annually under new leadership without interruption. Thank you to our readership for your support in our gestational years, and we look forward to the work ahead.



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