

Changes to WBM 2022 edition

A full summary of changes with supporting justification and references for each protocol is located in the RPHCM Reference book.



New protocols

- Early recognition of sepsis
- Weight gain in pregnancy

Deleted protocols

- Kidney disease in pregnancy
- Episiotomy
- Manual removal of placenta
- APGAR score
- Birth registration forms
- Bimanual examination
- Coloscopy

Movement of protocols from one section to another

Protocol name	WBM 2017 edition	WBM 2022 edition
Secondary postpartum haemorrhage	Postnatal	Emergencies
Sexual assault	Gynaecology	Emergencies
Domestic and family violence	Gynaecology	Emergencies
Infections after childbirth Now Childbirth postpartum infections	Postnatal – Mother	Emergencies – After the birth
Birth and resuscitation equipment	Labour and birth	Emergencies – Resuscitation
Pregnancy testing	Gynaecology	Pregnancy
Unplanned pregnancy	Gynaecology	Pregnancy

Merged protocols

Stopping labour (tocolysis)	Merged	Preterm labour in Emergencies – Pregnancy related
Fetal distress in labour		
Care of normal newborn for first 24 hours	Merged	Newborn care in Labour and birth – Immediate postnatal care of baby
Newborn needing special care		
Mother's 6-8 week postnatal check	Incorporated into	Postnatal care of mother
Baby's 6-8 week postnatal check		Postnatal care of baby

Protocol name changes (below)

2017 edition name	Section	2022 edition name	Section
Heavy vaginal bleeding	Emergencies	Vaginal bleeding	General emergencies
Severe pre-eclampsia	Emergencies – during pregnancy	Preeclampsia	Emergencies – Pregnancy related
Birth of twins	Emergencies – during the birth	Twin birth	Emergencies – Birth related
Stopping labour (tocolysis)	Emergencies – during pregnancy	Preterm labour	Emergencies – Pregnancy related
Fetal distress in labour	Emergencies – during the birth		
Infections after childbirth	Postnatal – Mother	Childbirth postpartum infections	Emergencies – After the birth
Pre-pregnancy counselling	Pregnancy	Preconception care	Pregnancy
Antenatal education and birth planning	Pregnancy	Antenatal parent education	Pregnancy
Antenatal screening tests for the baby	Pregnancy	Antenatal genetic and ultrasound tests for baby	Pregnancy
Urine problems in pregnancy	Pregnancy	Urine infections in pregnancy	Pregnancy
Thromboembolism (blood clots) in pregnancy	Pregnancy – Medical problems	Thromboembolism (blood clots) during and after pregnancy	Pregnancy – Medical problems
Care of normal newborn for first 24 hours	Labour and birth – Baby	Newborn care	Labour and birth – Immediate postnatal care of baby
Newborn needing special care	Emergencies – After the birth – baby		
Mother's 6-8 week postnatal check	Postnatal – Mother	Merged with: Postnatal care of mother	Postnatal – Mother
Baby's 6-8 week postnatal check	Postnatal – baby	Merged with: Postnatal care of baby	Postnatal – Baby
Infant feeding guidelines	Postnatal – Baby	Postnatal nutrition for mother and baby (up to 6 months old)	Postnatal – Baby
Investigating breast problems	Gynaecology – Breast and cervical problems	Breast problems	Gynaecology – Breasts
Speculum examination and Cervical Screening Test	Gynaecology	Genital examination	Gynaecology – Screening for and preventing cervical and vaginal cancer
Naming contraceptives	Contraception	Contraceptives – names and abbreviations	Contraception