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# INTRODUCTION

In 2003, the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) and the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) issued a joint statement that has prioritized universal access to active management of the third stage of labor to respond to the urgent need to make real progress in reducing maternal mortality globally.

This toolkit is designed to provide useful, practical information and materials for health providers so that they can prevent postpartum hemorrhage through active management of the third stage of labor and advocate for necessary policy change to assure that active management of the third stage of labor is available to all pregnant women. The toolkit is not intended to be a comprehensive source for all materials related to prevention of postpartum hemorrhage, but rather focuses on selected tools that may be most useful to providers.

**The toolkit is comprised of two separate documents:**

1. This library reference document for midwifery, obstetric and gynecological and other professional and training associations, universities, Ministry of Health resource centers, and other centralized reference centers that provide support to maternal health providers and distribute professional information to members. This document is designed with the view that as additional research findings become available, updates and additional information can be sent out to supplement the original binder copy.
2. A spiral bound condensed version for skilled providers in and out of facilities providing selected essential, practical materials for adopting interventions for prevention, management, and treatment of postpartum hemorrhage, and references to the additional materials available in the library reference document.

The library reference version of the toolkit intends to provide both scientific evidence as well as specific guidance on how to practice active management of the third stage of labor, and includes:

- The joint statement of ICM and FIGO
- Selected materials on the scientific evidence for active management of the third stage of labor, including key articles and references, and a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the evidence
- Step-by-step description of the ICM and FIGO approved clinical care standards for active management of the third stage of labor
- Information on the drugs that can be used for active management of the third stage of labor
- A collection of briefing materials for media
- “Active Management of the Third Stage of Labor: A Demonstration”—a CD-ROM of a 12-minute narrated presentation that defines and briefly explains the importance of active management and demonstrates the steps of the procedure, using illustrations and animation to depict the procedure
- A laminated job aid for practicing active management of the third stage of labor

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The following are other useful links and resources for information and tools for prevention of postpartum hemorrhage:

**The Partnership for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health**

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Website: <http://www.safemotherhood.org/>

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**Reproductive Health Online**

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