

## 9. Updating of the guideline

In accordance with the process for updating WHO guidelines, the “living guidelines” approach will be used (204). This is a systematic and continual process of identifying and bridging evidence gaps, at least every six months following guideline publication and dissemination. A Guideline Steering Group for maternal and newborn health recommendations will convene regularly to review WHO’s current portfolio of relevant recommendations, and to prioritize new and existing questions for recommendation development and updating. The focus will be on recommendations supported by very-low- or low-certainty evidence and where new recommendations or a change in the published recommendations may be needed. When new evidence that could potentially impact the current evidence base for any of the recommendations is identified, the recommendation

will be updated. If no new reports or information are identified for a particular recommendation, the recommendation will be revalidated.

Any concern about the validity of any recommendation should be promptly communicated by email to the WHO Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing ([mncah@who.int](mailto:mncah@who.int)). All communications will be reviewed and plans will be made to update the recommendation as needed.

WHO welcomes suggestions regarding additional questions for inclusion in future updates of this guideline; suggestions can be addressed by email to the same department ([mncah@who.int](mailto:mncah@who.int)).