Newly registered midwives are required to complete a mentorship year with an experienced midwife. Do I have to pay for a midwife? What if I don’t have OHIP? Midwives routinely offer discharge home from the hospital within three hours of the birth. This is a suitable option after normal, spontaneous vaginal deliveries without complications. Midwives are able to offer early discharge because we visit you at home within 24 hours of the birth to check you and your baby’s wellbeing, assist you with breastfeeding and offer you advice in the comfort of your own home. Will a midwife run the same tests and order the same ultrasounds that a doctor would? The Midwives Alliance of North America, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council and Citizens for Midwifery agreed on a short definition of what “midwifery care” means. However, just because a person is a midwife does not guarantee that they provide this kind of care; consumers looking for a midwife should ask questions to determine if a prospective caregiver will be able to provide the kind of care they seek.