Midwifery-led care during labour and birth

- Midwife-led continuity of care models lead to good outcomes for mother and child.
- Midwives safeguard the natural course of labour and birth.



Birth environment



ntside the hospital

- 42% at home
- 10% at a midwife-led unit
- 0.1% born before arrival



Inside the hospital

- 14% with an autonomous midwife
- 14% at a midwife-led unit

Referrals to the hospital (19%)



Waterbirth

Almost half of the women give birth in water: 45% outside the hospital and 45% inside the hospital



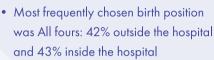
No perineal trauma 38% **Episiotomy** 1% 3rd and 4th degree 1.1% 2.9% perineal trauma



Postpartum

No complications for the mother: 95% outside the hospital and 90% inside the hospital.





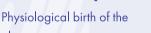
• Few women give birth on their back: 9% outside the hospital, 14% inside the hospital

Monitoring of the baby's heartbeat

Method most applied: intermittent auscultation with handheld Doppler (88% outside the hospital), intermittent auscultation using the CTG machine (59% inside the hospital).



Birth of the placenta





placenta: 84% 76% Blood loss < 500 ml: 82% 86%







1-min APGAR* > 7: 94.7% 95% 5-min APGAR > 7: 98.6% 98.3% Need for respirational 4% support:

(*) Appearance, Pulse, Grimace, Activity, and Respiration

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1463 registrations (1.56% of all births in Flanders and Brussels)

122 autonomous midwives from Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia



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