

Comparison 1: Schedules involving four postnatal home visits (3, 7, 28 and 42 days after birth) compared with one postnatal home visit (at about 42 days after birth)

Source: Yonemoto N, Nagai S, Mori R. Schedules for home visits in the early postpartum period. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2021;(7):CD009326.

Certainty assessment							No of patients		Effect		Certainty (GRADE)	Importance
No of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Schedules involving four postnatal home visits	Schedules involving one postnatal home visit	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		
Maternal health problems (as identified by a doctor)												
1	randomized trials	very serious ^a	not serious	not serious	serious ^b	none	22/178 (12.4%)	24/174 (13.8%)	RR 0.90 (0.52 to 1.54)	14 fewer per 1000 (from 66 fewer to 74 more)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL
Neonatal mortality												
1	randomized trials	very serious ^a	not serious	not serious	very serious ^{b,c}	none	2/208 (1.0%)	4/200 (2.0%)	RR 0.48 (0.09 to 2.60)	10 fewer per 1000 (from 18 fewer to 32 more)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL
Infant respiratory tract infection within 42 days												
1	randomized trials	very serious ^a	not serious	not serious	very serious ^{b,c}	none	4/178 (2.2%)	10/174 (5.7%)	RR 0.39 (0.12 to 1.22)	35 fewer per 1000 (from 51 fewer to 13 more)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL
Infant referral to paediatrician up to 42 days												
1	randomized trials	very serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	30/178 (16.9%)	71/174 (40.8%)	RR 0.41 (0.28 to 0.60)	241 fewer per 1000 (from 294 fewer to 163 fewer)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	CRITICAL

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Exclusive breastfeeding (last assessment up to 6 weeks)

1	randomized trials	very serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	169/178 (94.9%)	146/174 (83.9%)	RR 1.13 (1.05 to 1.22)	109 more per 1000 (from 42 more to 185 more)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	CRITICAL
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CI: confidence interval; RR: risk ratio.

a. The pooled effect provided by study "C".

b. Wide confidence interval crossing the line of no effect.

c. Less than 300 women and/or less than 30 events.