Comparison: Home visits for postnatal care contacts compared with usual care (evidence source 2)

Source: Tiruneh GT, Shiferaw CB, Worku A. Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of home-based postpartum care on neonatal mortality and exclusive breastfeeding practice in low-and-middle-income countries: a systematic review and meta-analysis. BMC Pregnancy Childbirth. 2019;19(1):507. doi:10.1186/s12884-019-2651-6.

Certainty assessment							№ of patients		Effect			
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Postnatal care home visits	Usual care (without home visits)	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	Certainty (GRADE)	Importance
Neonatal mortality												
9	randomized trials	not serious	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	none	32/46 269 (3.2%)	42/46 814 (4.2%)	RR 0.76 (0.62 to 0.92)	10 fewer per 1000 (from 8 fewer to 12 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE	CRITICAL

CI: confidence interval; RR: risk ratio.

a. Statistical heterogeneity ($I^2 \ge 60\%$ or $Chi^2 \le 0.05$).