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Security

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- Posting advertisements or solicitations of business;
- Impersonating another person, living or dead, or misrepresenting your medical training and knowledge;
- Allowing any other person or entity to use your password to enter a eMidwife discussion group and to post or view comments; or
- Engaging in any other conduct that restricts or inhibits any other person from using or enjoying the eMidwife discussion group or ACNM site, or which in the sole judgment of ACNM exposes ACNM or any of its users or members to any liability or detriment of any type.

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