midwife

['midwaif] *n* повивальная бабка; акушерка

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mid wife [midwife midwives] *BrE* ['mɪdwaɪf] * *NAmE* ['mɪdwaɪf] * noun (pl. mid wives *BrE* ['mɪdwaɪvz] * ; *NAmE* ['mɪdwaɪvz] *) a person, especially a woman, who is trained to help women give birth to babies

compare [†]doula

Word Origin:

Middle English: probably from the obsolete preposition mid 'with' + **1** wife (in the archaic sense 'woman'), expressing the sense 'a woman who is with (the mother)'.

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mid wife /'mɪdwaɪf BrE AmE noun (plural midwives /-waɪvz/) [countable] [Date: 1200-1300; Origin: mid 'with' (11-14 centuries) (from Old English) + wife 'woman]

a specially trained nurse whose job is to help women when they are having a baby

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