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Mater Mothers Hospital Alignment 3

February 17, 2018

Good morning and welcome to our first session

Medical conditions in pregnancy

Time	Task	Who
9:00 am	Welcome, housekeeping, learning objectives	Dr Wendy Burton
9:10	Thyroid disorders	Dr Julie Buchanan Dr Janelle Nisbet
9.35	Asthma	Dr Janelle Nisbet Dr Julie Buchanan
9:55	Hypertension/PIH	Dr Janelle Nisbet Dr Julie Buchanan
10:25	Weighty issues Diabetes, obesity, pregnancy after bariatric surgery	Dr Shelley Wilkinson Dr Janelle Nisbet Dr Julie Buchanan
11:05	MODY research	Dr Janet Warner
11:15	Group discussions/learnings, Q & A	All
11:30	Tour of hospital (optional) Lunch	All
Introducing our midwives	Anne Williamson CM, GPLM Jennifer Timoney CM, Risk Planning	Kirsty Lehmann CM Young Womens Clinic

Session two

Obstetric complications

Time	Task	Who
12:30 am	Small group work – <u>Obstetric Complications</u> PV Bleeding Current controversies Obstetric emergencies Multiple pregnancies	Dr Albert Jung Dr Sarah Janssens Dr Julie Buchanan Dr Huda Safa
1:50	Group discussions/learnings	All
2:30 pm	Afternoon tea	All

Welcome to our final session

Perinatal Mental Health

<i>Time</i>	<i>Task</i>	<i>Who</i>
3 pm	Small group work— <u>Perinatal Mental Health</u> The consumer perspective Mental illness in the perinatal period Screening, referral pathways Medication use in pregnancy and breastfeeding	All Debbie Spink Dr Lyndall White Dr Wendy Burton Dr Treasure McGuire
4:20	Group discussion/learnings, Q & A	All
4:45	Wrap up	All
5 pm	Finish!	All

Alignments 1 and 2

Alignment 1 content

- First trimester presentations, recommended screening tests, ultrasound scanning including nuchal translucency recommendations, NIPT, SMA/CF/FXS, gestational diabetes, prescribing in pregnancy, communication with MMH, Rh negative women, hypertension, pre-eclampsia, early pregnancy bleeding, reduced fetal movements, immunisations and depression

Alignment 2 content

- Preconception workup, fertility, diabetes in pregnancy, preterm labour, premature rupture of membranes, ectopic pregnancies, persistent pelvic pain, infections in pregnancy, postpartum management, breastfeeding and neonatal examination

Housekeeping

- Toilets
- Fire exits
- Phones on silent



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Objectives

- To provide relevant, practical information to GPs, obstetricians and midwives about clinically relevant topics relating to best practice maternity care
- To improve the relationships and highlight the communication channels between the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors

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GP Maternity Shared Care Guideline

This is a 52 page summary of the essential principles underlying GP maternity shared care.

Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care Guideline

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Thyroid Disease in Pregnancy

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Why is thyroid disease important?

Hyperthyroidism

- Fetal / neonatal hyperthyroidism
- Increased perinatal mortality
- Pulmonary Hypertension (uncontrolled)
- Preeclampsia
- Miscarriage
- Premature labour
- Placental abruption
- Infection

Hypothyroidism

- Infertility
- Risk miscarriage
- Reduced IQ children
- Increased risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- Placental abruption
- Preterm delivery
- Perinatal morbidity and mortality
- PPH

Hyperthyroidism – the essentials

- Most common cause suppressed TSH in first trimester is hCG mediated hyperthyroidism ~ 10 % women
- Occasionally Free T4 and Free T3 mildly elevated
- Differentiate from Grave's disease by presence TSH receptor antibody and increased CFDS on US
- Don't treat – will resolve in 2nd trimester

- Graves most common cause throughout pregnancy
- Rx with propylthiouracil 1st trimester ; carbimazole 2nd and 3rd trimester
- ~ 60 % women able to have medications weaned by end 2nd trimester – need to watch for postpartum flare
- Check TFTs every 4-6 weeks
- TSH receptor antibody titre predicts risk fetal / neonatal thyrotoxicosis

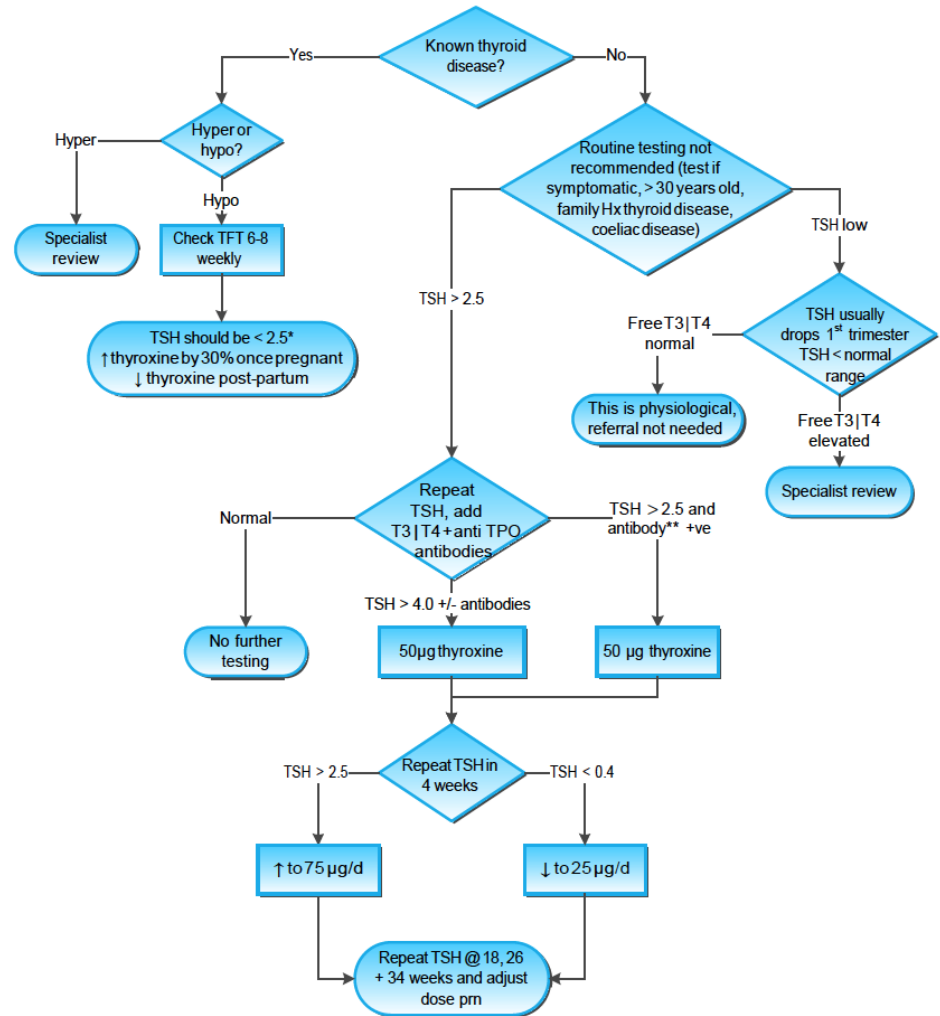
Hypothyroidism – the essentials

- Overt hypothyroidism – increase thyroxine dose by 30 % at conception
- Measure TSH at first visit ; 6/52 later; then end 2nd and 3rd trimester if normal ; reduce dose back to preconception postpartum
- Aiming for TSH < 2.5 first trimester, < 3 second trimester, < 3.5 third trimester

- 24 % of Australian women are positive for thyroid antibodies
- Studies regarding treatment of euthyroid anti-TPO antibody women with thyroxine are inconclusive with respect to reduction in miscarriage and adverse pregnancy outcomes – so I don't test

Thyroid Management in Pregnancy

PDF available for downloading at BSPHN or page 28 of the Mater Guideline



*If TSH > 10 and/or Free T4 below the pregnancy reference range, arrange urgent referral to specialist in addition to commencing/increasing thyroxine
 **Anti-thyroid peroxidase antibodies
 The NHMRC recommends that all women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or considering pregnancy, take an iodine supplement of 150 micrograms each day (available in most pregnancy multivitamins or in combination with folate)
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Asthma in pregnancy

Dr Wendy Burton, introduction

Asthma in pregnancy

- Asthma is the most prevalent chronic medical condition to affect pregnancy in Australia, affecting an estimated 12% (>37,000) of women each year, with prevalence of asthma greatest (up to 16%) among the socially disadvantaged.
- Maternal asthma is associated with significant perinatal morbidity and mortality. In Australia, conservative estimates attribute maternal asthma to absolute increases of >1,200 preterm births, >2,800 neonatal hospitalisations and >1,100 cases of low birth weight each year. This equates to one **potentially preventable** preterm birth every 7 hours due to maternal asthma.
- In Australia, approximately 40% (? Up to 60%) of women experience an exacerbation during pregnancy.

Asthma in pregnancy

- Since exacerbations contribute most significantly towards adverse perinatal outcomes, they are the ideal target for improving asthma control and subsequent morbidities.
- A research project into an antenatal asthma management service is in the pipeline, but in the meanwhile, please make sure women with asthma are correctly identified on your referrals and speak to women about the importance of good control of their asthma during pregnancy.
- It has been reported that 25% of GPs advise women to cease their preventers during pregnancy -- please make a very considered decision about the wisdom of this approach and, if in any doubt, refer to the obstetric medical team.

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Asthma in Pregnancy

Dr Janelle Nisbet

Normal Physiology During Pregnancy

- Spirometry similar to non-pregnant
- FVC, FEV1, FEV1/FVC, peak expiratory flow stable to slightly increased
- RV and FRC decrease due to diaphragm elevation from enlarging uterus
- Increased minute ventilation
 - Lower PaCO₂, higher PaO₂, secondary compensation with renal loss of bicarbonate
 - Blood gases show higher PaO₂ and lower PaCO₂ with slightly alkalotic pH than non-pregnant state
- Pre and post bronchodilator spirometry safe in pregnancy, bronchial provocation tests generally not performed

Effects of Pregnancy on Asthma

- Prospective cohort studies in Australian women:
 - 20% improvement during pregnancy
 - 20% stable during pregnancy
 - 60% worsen during pregnancy

Pre-pregnancy Counselling

- Cease smoking
- Assess asthma control and severity
- Ensure good control with appropriate asthma medication prior to pregnancy
- Reassure that most asthma medications including inhaled corticosteroids are safe and can be continued in pregnancy
- Budesonide Cat A – more data available. No data to indicate that other inhaled corticosteroids are not safe.
- Long-acting beta 2 agonists – salmeterol/eformoterol found in combination therapies category B3, if possible best avoided in first trimester. Consider changing women to inhaled corticosteroid alone. REMEMBER – benefits of asthma control outweigh any potential adverse outcome from long acting beta 2 agonist therapy.
- Identify triggers and discuss avoidance strategies
- Encourage good self-management – check technique, symptom monitoring, peak flows, asthma action plan
- Influenza vaccination

Antenatal Care

- Regular evaluation and monitoring of asthma control (every 4-6 weeks)
- Self-management education, asthma action plan
- Avoid/minimise triggers and exposure to allergens / irritants
- Doses of inhaled corticosteroids should be minimum necessary to control symptoms and maintain lung function
- Identify and manage coexisting conditions – GORD, allergic rhinitis, sinusitis
- Obstetric/respiratory physician review if moderate to severe persistent asthma, very poor control
- Manage exacerbations promptly and aggressively with inhaled beta2 agonists and increased inhaled corticosteroids / oral corticosteroids
- Anaesthetic review for women with severe / uncontrolled asthma

Asthma Medications in Pregnancy

Bronchospasm Relaxants:

- Inhaled short acting beta2-agonists – salbutamol, (Ventolin) terbutaline (Bricanyl)
 - Category A
 - No associated teratogenic risks
- Inhaled long-acting beta2 agonists – salmeterol, (Serevent) eformoterol. (in Symbicort) Usually combined with inhaled corticosteroids in combination therapies.
 - Category B3
 - Avoid in first trimester if possible
 - Do NOT withdraw in women who present after becoming pregnant if they are controlling symptoms

Asthma Medications in Pregnancy

Preventers

- Inhaled Corticosteroids
 - Budesonide (Pulmicort) category A (most evidence)
 - Others eg Fluticasone, Beclomethasone, Ciclesonide (Flixotide, Qvar, Alvesco) – Category B3. More limited experience
 - No data indicating that they are unsafe, may be used in pregnancy
- Cromones
 - Sodium cromoglycate (Intal) category A
 - Nedocromil sodium (Tilade) category B1. No teratogenic effects in animal studies
- Leukotriene Receptor Antagonists
 - Montelukast (Singulair) currently category B1. Generally thought to be safe but human data still scarce. Some reports of limb defects. Area of uncertainty with some recent recommendations to not use during pregnancy.

Asthma Medications in Pregnancy

- Oral / IV Corticosteroids
 - Necessary and life-saving for short periods of severe asthma in pregnancy
 - Benefits outweigh risks
- Omalizumab (Xolair)
 - Human IgE monoclonal Ab
 - Can be continued in pregnancy if already commenced

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Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis in Pregnancy and Puerperium

Queensland Clinical Guidelines

Department of Health

Queensland Clinical Guidelines

Translating evidence into best clinical practice

[Venous thromboembolism \(VTE\)](#)

Maternity and Neonatal Clinical Guideline

Venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis in pregnancy and the puerperium

Great state. Great opportunity.



VTE

- Evidence correlating risk factors and occurrence of VTE is limited
- Each woman needs to be assessed for VTE risk
- Clinical judgment is important and treatment plans should be individualised
- Liaise with obstetric medicine as required for advice

High Risk Factors

- Unprovoked VTE
 - VTE in pregnancy or related to COCP
 - VTE with thrombophilia
 - VTE with family history of thrombophilia
 - Recurrent VTE
 - Family history of VTE with antithrombin deficiency
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- With these risk factors LMWH prophylaxis is required. Standard, intermediate, or full therapeutic dose depends on individual circumstances.
 - Full dose generally used for previous VTE with antithrombin deficiency, recurrent unprovoked DVT, VTE in current pregnancy

Other Risk Factors

- Sociodemographic – age, BMI, smoking
- Medical – SLE, cardiac or respiratory disease, inflammatory conditions, nephrotic syndrome, malignancy etc.
- Pregnancy Related – immobility, preeclampsia, GDM, multiple pregnancy, hyperemesis / dehydration etc.
- VTE – prior provoked VTE, asymptomatic thrombophilia, family history VTE, antiphospholipid antibodies

- Consider number of risk factors
- Consider LMWH prophylaxis

Postpartum

- 4-fold greater risk with CS than vaginal delivery. Increased risk with emergency CS.
- If receiving antenatal prophylaxis, continue for 6 weeks post partum
- Also – consider 6 weeks prophylaxis in
 - Previous provoked VTE
 - Significant thrombophilia on lab testing without personal or family history of DVT e.g. homozygous factor V Leiden
 - Positive family history VTE without personal history
 - Antiphospholipid antibodies
- Assess other contributory risk factors

Pharmacological Options

- LMWH:
 - Agent of choice, does not cross placenta
 - No evidence of teratogenicity or increased risk of fetal bleeding
 - Lower rates of bleeding, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, osteoporosis than unfractionated heparin
- Unfractionated heparin
- Fondaparinux (Arixtra) – limited to those with severe allergic reactions to heparin
- Avoid Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) and Apixaban (Eliquis)
- No evidence for aspirin in thromboprophylaxis

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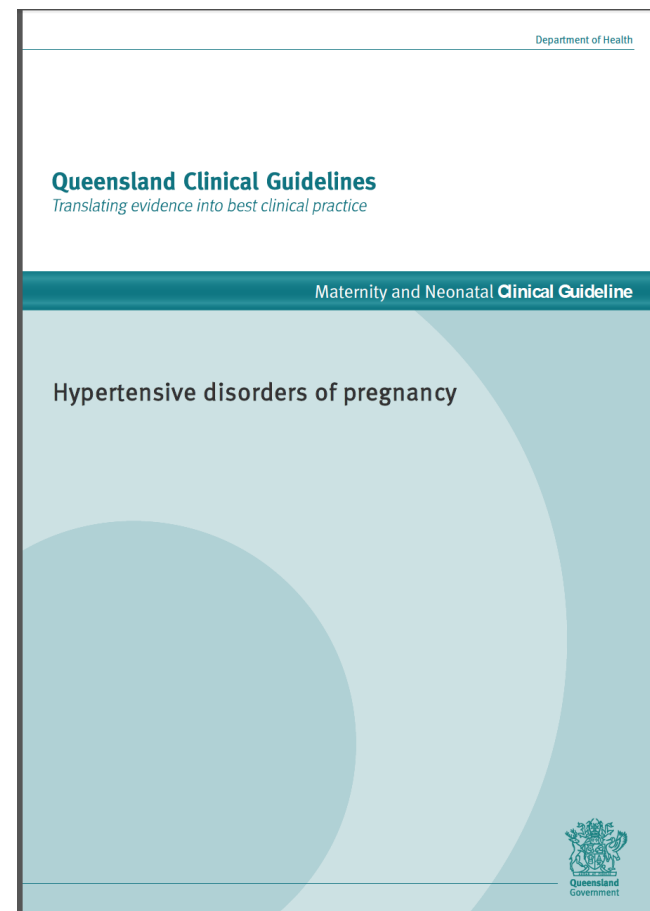


Hypertension in Pregnancy

Dr Julie Buchanan

Queensland Clinical Guidelines

[Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy](#)



Hypertension in Pregnancy

NICE 2010 combined with Queensland Health Clinical guidelines 2015

Successive confidential enquires into maternal deaths have highlighted hypertension and its complications in pregnancy as significant factors. In addition, the condition can lead to considerable mortality and morbidity for babies.

One reason for the poor outcome is uncertainty about the identification and management of hypertensive disorders in pregnancy. The key management priorities for implementation, which are:

1. Measures to reduce the risk of hypertensive disorders in pregnancy
2. Management of pregnancy with chronic hypertension, gestational hypertension and pre-eclampsia respectively
3. Appropriate assessment of proteinuria in hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
4. Appropriate advice and follow-up care at transfer to community midwifery care following birth

3.2 Summary recommendations

Summary recommendations and levels of evidence are outlined in Table 5.

Table 6. Summary recommendations

Recommendation		Grading of evidence Quality/Strength
1.	Use the definitions and classifications of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy provided by the Society of Obstetric Medicine of Australia and New Zealand	Consensus
2.	Measure BP in the sitting position, with the arm at the level of the heart	II-2A Low/Strong
	Use Korotokoff phase 5 to designate diastolic BP	I-A Moderate/Strong
3.	Suspect significant proteinuria when urinary dipstick proteinuria is greater than or equal to 1+	II-2A Moderate/Strong
4.	For women at increased risk of preeclampsia recommend Aspirin 100 mg before 16 weeks gestation.	III-B Very low/Strong
5.	Provide inpatient care for women with severe hypertension or severe preeclampsia	II-2B Low/Strong
6.	For women with severe hypertension, initial antihypertensive therapy in the hospital setting should be with:	
	• Nifedipine short-acting (capsules) or	I-A High/Strong
	• Parenteral hydralazine or	I-A High/Strong
	• Parenteral labetalol	I-A High/Strong
7.	For women with any HDP, consider vaginal birth unless a caesarean birth is required for the usual obstetric indications	II-2B Low/Strong
8.	Continue antihypertensive treatment intrapartum to maintain sBP at less than 160mmHg and dBP at less than 110 mmHg	II-2B Low/Strong
9.	Actively manage the third stage of labour with Oxytocin 5 units IV or 10 units IM, particularly in the presence of thrombocytopenia or coagulopathy	I-A Moderate/Strong
10.	MgSO ₄ is recommended for first-line treatment of eclampsia	I-A High/Strong
11.	MgSO ₄ is recommended as prophylaxis against eclampsia in women with severe preeclampsia	I-A High/Strong
12.	Offer formal postnatal review for preconceptual advice, counselling, screening and lifestyle advice to women whose pregnancies have been complicated by hypertensive disorders of pregnancies	Consensus

Queensland Health Summary recommendations

Definitions

Chronic hypertension (essential / secondary) is hypertension that is present at the booking visit or before 20 weeks or if the woman is already taking antihypertensive medication when referred to maternity services. It can be primary or secondary in aetiology.

- Chronic kidney disease, renal a stenosis, systemic disease with renal involvement (diabetes, SLE), Endocrine disease (phaeochromocytoma, Cushing's, primary hyperaldosteronism)

Gestational hypertension is new hypertension presenting after 20 weeks without significant proteinuria or other features of preeclampsia.

Pre-eclampsia is new hypertension presenting after 20 weeks with significant proteinuria abnormal renal function, IUGR or features HELLP.

Severe pre-eclampsia is pre-eclampsia with severe hypertension and/or with symptoms, and/or biochemical and/or haematological impairment.

Definitions of Hypertension

Mild hypertension

- systolic blood pressure 140–149 mmHg
diastolic blood pressure 90–99 mmHg

Moderate hypertension

- systolic blood pressure 150–159 mmHg
diastolic blood pressure 100–109 mmHg

Severe hypertension

- systolic blood pressure 160 mmHg or greater
diastolic blood pressure 110 mmHg or greater

NICE key recommendations for implementation

Reducing the risk of hypertensive disorders in pregnancy

- Advise women at high risk of pre-eclampsia to take 75 mg of aspirin* daily from 12 weeks until the birth of the baby. Women at high risk are those with any of the following:
 - hypertensive disease during a previous pregnancy
 - chronic kidney disease
 - autoimmune disease such as SLE or antiphospholipid syndrome
 - type 1 or type 2 diabetes
 - chronic hypertension.

NICE key recommendations for implementation

- Advise women with more than one moderate risk factor for pre-eclampsia to take 75 - 100 mg of aspirin* daily from 12 weeks until the birth of the baby. Factors indicating moderate risk are:
 - first pregnancy
 - age 40 years or older
 - pregnancy interval of more than 10 years
 - body mass index (BMI) of 35 kg/m² or more at first visit
 - family history of pre-eclampsia
 - multiple pregnancy.

NICE key priorities for implementation

Management of pregnancy with chronic hypertension

- ACE and ARBs – evidence is they are not teratogenic but fetotoxic
- First visit – ask about symptoms OSA; document reflexes; measure urate, urine PCR, plasma metanephrines, renal function
- ? Aldosterone:renin ratio and RADU
- Home BP monitoring
- In pregnant women with uncomplicated chronic hypertension aim to keep blood pressure lower than 150/100 mmHg
- Review monthly until 28 weeks then fortnightly
- Postpartum – no NSAIDs
- Lactation – enalapril, captopril and quinapril safe; no data re ARBs

Nice key priorities for implementation: Gestational Hypertension

Table 1 Management of pregnancy with gestational hypertension

Degree of hypertension	Mild hypertension (140/90 to 149/99 mm Hg)	Moderate hypertension (150/100 to 159/109 mm Hg)	Severe hypertension (160/110 mm Hg or higher)
Admit to hospital	No	No	Yes (until blood pressure is 159/109 mm Hg or lower)
Treat	No	With oral labetalol [†] as first-line treatment to keep: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> diastolic blood pressure between 80–100 mm Hg systolic blood pressure less than 150 mm Hg 	With oral labetalol [†] as first-line treatment to keep: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> diastolic blood pressure between 80–100 mm Hg systolic blood pressure less than 150 mm Hg
Measure blood pressure	Not more than once a week	At least twice a week	At least four times a day
Test for proteinuria	At each visit using automated reagent-strip reading device or urinary protein:creatinine ratio	At each visit using automated reagent-strip reading device or urinary protein:creatinine ratio	Daily using automated reagent-strip reading device or urinary protein:creatinine ratio
Blood tests	Only those for routine antenatal care	Test kidney function, electrolytes, full blood count, transaminases, bilirubin Do not carry out further blood tests if no proteinuria at subsequent visits	Test at presentation and then monitor weekly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> kidney function, electrolytes, full blood count, transaminases, bilirubin

Gestational Hypertension

- In women receiving outpatient care for severe gestational hypertension, after it has been effectively controlled in hospital, measure blood pressure and test urine twice weekly and carry out weekly blood tests.
- In women with mild hypertension presenting before 32 weeks, or at high risk of pre-eclampsia, measure blood pressure and test urine twice weekly.

Gestational Hypertension: post-natal

In women with gestational hypertension who have given birth, measure blood pressure:

- daily for the first 2 days after birth
- at least once between day 3 and day 5 after birth
- In women with gestational hypertension who have given birth: continue use of antenatal antihypertensive treatment
- reduce antihypertensive treatment if their blood pressure falls below 130/80 mmHg.
- Change methyldopa to enalapril / captopril postpartum
- For women with gestational hypertension who did not take antihypertensive treatment and have given birth, start antihypertensive treatment if their blood pressure is $\geq 150/100$ mmHg.
- If hypertension persists $> 3/12$ postpartum investigate for secondary cause

Nice key priorities for implementation: Pre-eclampsia

Table 2 Management of pregnancy with pre-eclampsia

Degree of hypertension	Mild hypertension (140/90 to 149/99 mmHg)	Moderate hypertension (150/100 to 159/109 mmHg)	Severe hypertension (160/110 mmHg or higher)
Admit to hospital	Yes	Yes	Yes
Treat	No	With oral labetalol [†] as first-line treatment to keep: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diastolic blood pressure between 80–100 mmHg • systolic blood pressure less than 150 mmHg 	With oral labetalol [†] as first-line treatment to keep: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diastolic blood pressure between 80–100 mmHg • systolic blood pressure less than 150 mmHg
Measure blood pressure	At least four times a day	At least four times a day	More than four times a day, depending on clinical circumstances
Test for proteinuria	Do not repeat quantification of proteinuria	Do not repeat quantification of proteinuria	Do not repeat quantification of proteinuria
Blood tests	Monitor using the following tests twice a week: kidney function, electrolytes, full blood count, transaminases, bilirubin	Monitor using the following tests three times a week: kidney function, electrolytes, full blood count, transaminases, bilirubin	Monitor using the following tests three times a week: kidney function, electrolytes, full blood count, transaminases, bilirubin

Pre-eclampsia: Timing of Birth

- Manage pregnancy in women with pre-eclampsia conservatively (that is, do not plan same-day delivery of the baby) until 34 weeks.
- Consultant obstetric staff should document in the woman's notes the maternal (biochemical, haematological and clinical) and fetal thresholds for elective birth before 34 weeks in women with pre-eclampsia.
- Consultant obstetric staff should write a plan for antenatal fetal monitoring during birth.
- Offer birth to women with pre-eclampsia before 34 weeks, after discussion with neonatal and anaesthetic teams and a course of corticosteroids has been given if severe hypertension develops refractory to treatment

Pre-eclampsia: Timing of Birth

- Recommend birth for women who have pre-eclampsia with severe hypertension after 34 weeks when their blood pressure has been controlled and a course of corticosteroids has been completed (if appropriate).
- Offer birth to women who have pre-eclampsia with mild or moderate hypertension at 34+0 to 36+6 weeks depending on maternal and fetal condition, risk factors and availability of neonatal intensive care.
- Recommend birth within 24–48 hours for women who have pre-eclampsia with mild or moderate hypertension after 37+0 weeks.

Diagnosis of Preeclampsia

- **Proteinuria** > 30 g/mmol
- **Renal:** Serum or plasma creatinine > 90micromol or oliguria
- **Haematological:** platelets < 100x10⁹, haemolysis (schistocytes or red cell fragments on blood film, increased bilirubin, raised LDH, decreased haptoglobin, DIC
- **Liver;** raised transaminases, severe epigastric or RUQ pain
- **Neurological:** severe headache, visual disturbance, hyperreflexia, Convulsions, CVA
- **Pulmonary:** Pulmonary oedema
- **Uteroplacental:** fetal growth restriction.

Fetal Monitoring

Chronic hypertension

- In women with chronic hypertension, carry out ultrasound fetal growth and amniotic fluid volume assessment and umbilical artery doppler velocimetry between 28 and 30 weeks and between 32 and 34 weeks. If results are normal, do not repeat at more than 34 weeks, unless otherwise clinically indicated.
- In women with chronic hypertension, only carry out cardiotocography if fetal activity is abnormal.

Fetal Monitoring

Mild or moderate gestational hypertension

- In women with mild or moderate gestational hypertension, carry out ultrasound fetal growth and amniotic fluid volume assessment and umbilical artery doppler velocimetry if diagnosis is confirmed at less than 34 weeks. If results are normal, do not repeat at more than 34 weeks, unless otherwise clinically indicated.
- In women with mild or moderate gestational hypertension, do not carry out ultrasound fetal growth and amniotic fluid volume assessment and umbilical artery doppler velocimetry if diagnosis is confirmed after 34 weeks, unless otherwise clinically indicated.
- In women with mild or moderate gestational hypertension, only carry out cardiotocography if fetal activity is abnormal.

Fetal Monitoring

Severe gestational hypertension or pre-eclampsia

- Carry out cardiotocography at diagnosis of severe gestational hypertension or pre-eclampsia.
- If conservative management of severe gestational hypertension or pre-eclampsia is planned, carry out all the following tests at diagnosis:ultrasound fetal growth and amniotic fluid volume assessment
- umbilical artery doppler velocimetry.
- If the results of all fetal monitoring are normal in women with severe gestational hypertension or pre-eclampsia, do not routinely repeat cardiotocography more than weekly.
- In women with severe gestational hypertension or pre-eclampsia, repeat cardiotocography if any of the following occur:
 - the woman reports a change in fetal movement
 - vaginal bleeding
 - abdominal pain
 - deterioration in maternal condition.

Fetal Monitoring

Severe gestational hypertension or pre-eclampsia (cont)

- In women with severe gestational hypertension or pre-eclampsia, do not routinely repeat ultrasound fetal growth and amniotic fluid volume assessment or umbilical artery doppler velocimetry more than every 2 weeks.
- If the results of any fetal monitoring in women with severe gestational hypertension or pre-eclampsia are abnormal, tell a consultant obstetrician.
- For women with severe gestational hypertension or pre-eclampsia, write a care plan that includes all of the following:
 - the timing and nature of future fetal monitoring
 - fetal indications for birth and if and when corticosteroids should be given
 - when discussion with neonatal paediatricians and obstetric anaesthetists should take place and what decisions should be made.

Fetal Monitoring

Women at high risk of pre-eclampsia

- Carry out ultrasound fetal growth and amniotic fluid volume assessment and umbilical artery doppler velocimetry starting at between 28 and 30 weeks (or at least 2 weeks before previous gestational age of onset if earlier than 28 weeks) and repeating 4 weeks later in women with previous:
 - severe pre-eclampsia
 - pre-eclampsia that needed birth before 34 weeks
 - pre-eclampsia with a baby whose birth weight was less than the 10th centile
 - intrauterine death
 - placental abruption.
- In women who are at high risk of pre-eclampsia, only carry out cardiotocography if fetal activity is abnormal.

Breastfeeding

- In women who still need antihypertensive treatment in the postnatal period, avoid diuretic treatment for hypertension if the woman is breastfeeding or expressing milk.
- Tell women who still need antihypertensive treatment in the postnatal period that the following antihypertensive drugs have no known adverse effects on babies receiving breast milk:
 - labetalol†
 - nifedipine†
 - enalapril†
 - captopril†
 - metoprolol†.

Flowchart: Management of hypertension in pregnancy

- Risk factors for preeclampsia**
- Previous history of preeclampsia
 - Family history of preeclampsia
 - Inter-pregnancy interval > 10 years
 - Nulliparity
 - Pre-existing medical conditions
 - APLS
 - Pre-existing diabetes
 - Renal disease
 - Chronic hypertension
 - Chronic autoimmune disease
 - Age > 40 years
 - BMI > 35 kg/m²
 - Multiple pregnancy
 - Elevated BP at booking
 - Gestational trophoblastic disease
 - Fetal triploidy

- Indications for birth**
- Non-reassuring fetal status
 - Severe fetal growth restriction
 - ≥ 37 weeks
 - Eclampsia
 - Placental abruption
 - Acute pulmonary oedema
 - Uncontrollable hypertension
 - Deteriorating platelet count
 - Deteriorating liver and/or renal function
 - Persistent neurological symptoms
 - Persistent epigastric pain, nausea or vomiting

- Severe hypertension/ preeclampsia**
- Multidisciplinary team approach
 - High dependency or birth suite
 - Strict control of BP
 - Maternal and fetal assessments
 - Continuous CTG
 - Consider Magnesium Sulfate
 - Strict fluid management
 - Full blood count
 - ELFTS including urate & LDH
 - Coagulations screen
 - Urine for protein to creatinine ratio

- Stabilise prior to birth**
- Control hypertension
 - Correct coagulopathy
 - Consider eclampsia prophylaxis
 - Attention to fluid status
- Postpartum**
- Close clinical surveillance
 - VTE prophylaxis
 - Consider timing of discharge
 - Arrange follow up
 - Maternal screening as indicated

Hypertension
sBP ≥ 140 mmHg
and/or
dBP ≥ 90 mmHg

Maternal
investigations and
fetal assessment

Is
birth
indicated?

Inpatient or
outpatient care

Worsening
maternal or fetal
condition?

Birth

- Maternal investigations**
- Urine dipstick for proteinuria
 - Spot urine protein to creatinine ratio if:
 - ≥ 2+ or recurrent 1+ on dipstick
 - Full blood count
 - Urea, creatinine electrolytes and urate
 - LFT including LDH

- Fetal assessment**
- CTG
 - USS for fetal growth & wellbeing

- Initiate antihypertensives**
- Commence if:**
- sBP ≥ 160 or dBP ≥ 100 mmHg
- Consider if:**
- sBP ≥ 140 or dBP ≥ 90 mmHg
 - Choice of antihypertensive drug as per local preferences/protocols

- Oral antihypertensive (initial dose – adjust as clinically indicated)**
- *Methyldopa 125–250 mg bd
 - *Labetalol 100 mg bd
 - **Aoxprenolol 40–80 mg bd
 - *Hydralazine 25 mg bd
 - *Nifedipine (SR) 20–30 mg daily
 - *Prazosin 0.5 mg bd
 - *Clonidine 50–150 micrograms bd

- Outpatient care**
- If mild hypertension without preeclampsia
 - Frequency of appointments should be individualised
- Consider admission if:**
- Fetal wellbeing is of concern
 - sBP > 140 mmHg or
 - dBP > 90 mmHg or
 - Symptoms of preeclampsia, or proteinuria or abnormal bloods

- Inpatient monitoring**
- BP 4 hourly if stable
 - CTG daily
 - Daily ward urine analysis
 - Maintain accurate fluid balance
 - Daily review (minimum) by obstetrician
 - Normal diet
 - Bed rest is not usually required
 - Consider VTE prophylaxis

Any questions?

QCG

ALPS: antiphospholipid syndrome, BMI: body mass index, BP: blood pressure, CTG: cardiocardiograph, dBP: diastolic BP, ELFT: electrolytes and liver function test, FHR: fetal heart rate, LDH: Lactate dehydrogenase, sBP: systolic BP, USS: ultrasound scan, VTE: venous thromboembolism, >: greater than, <: less than, ≥: greater than or equal to, ≤: less than or equal to, *: First line drugs, **: Not on GH List of approved medicines (LAM), *: Second line drugs



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Gestational Hypertension

Dr Janelle Nisbit

Gestational Hypertension

- New onset arising after 20 weeks gestation without features of preeclampsia
- No clear evidence to recommend one drug therapy over another
- No clear evidence for optimal target BP
- Antihypertensive therapy does halve the risk of severe hypertension but does not alter other outcomes e.g. preeclampsia, perinatal mortality
- Aggressive BP lowering may decrease placental perfusion and jeopardize fetal well-being
- Suggested target <140/90mmHg

Oral Antihypertensives

- First Line:
 - Methyldopa – max dose 500mg QID
 - In practise, sedation / fatigue can be limiting for some women
 - Labetalol – up to 200-400mg QID
- Second Line:
 - Nifedipine SR - 60-120mg daily
 - Hydralazine - up to 50-100mg bd
 - Prazosin – up to 1mg tds
 - Clonidine – up to 150-300mcg bd

Initial Investigation

- Confirm BP
- Screen for proteinuria with dipstick, quantify if >2+ or preeclampsia suspected
- FBC, ELFT, MSU
- Other tests as indicated e.g. coags, blood film etc.
- fetal assessment
- Monitor bloods / urine weekly in PIH

Any questions?

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Obesity in Pregnancy

Dr Julie Buchanan

Obesity guidelines <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/qcgl/>

Queensland Clinical Guidelines

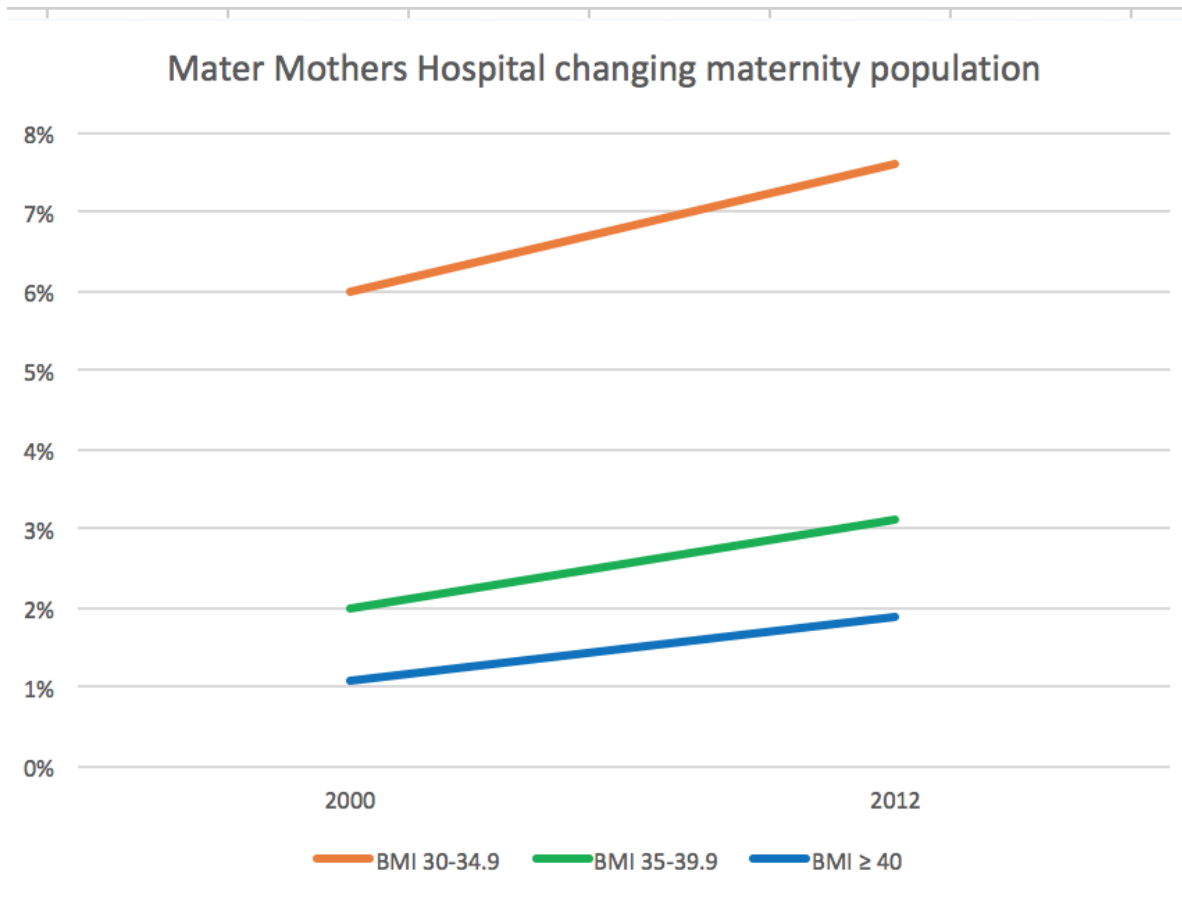
Translating evidence into best clinical practice

Maternity and Neonatal **Clinical Guideline**

Obesity in pregnancy

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Health Risks Associated with increasing BMI

Preconception

- Infertility and new evidence that suggests that the BMI around conception affects the next two generations at DNA and mitochondrial levels.

Antenatal

- Technical difficulties with clinical assessment of fetal growth and wellbeing
- Technical limitations on ultrasound detection of fetal anomalies or growth disorders
- Antepartum stillbirth

Health Risks Associated with increasing BMI

Medical

- Maternal mortality
- Diabetes (Gestational and type 2)
- Preeclampsia
- Obstructive sleep apnoea (may be related to adverse fetal outcomes)
- Thromboembolic disease
- Hypertension
- Cholecystitis
- Depression
- Pelvic floor dysfunction (SUI , pelvic organ prolapse)
- Low back pain
- Knee osteoarthritis

Practical problems

- BP measurement
- Bed weight capacity
- Theatre trolley movement & patient shifting
- Ultrasonography – less reliable and risk of wrist/upper limb injuries for sonographers
- Listening to fetal heart/CTG
- Venous access

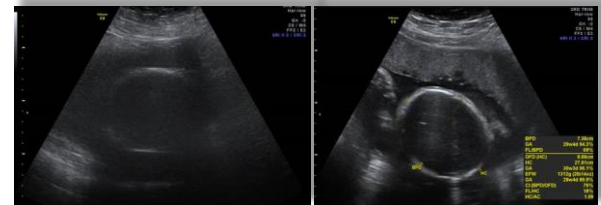
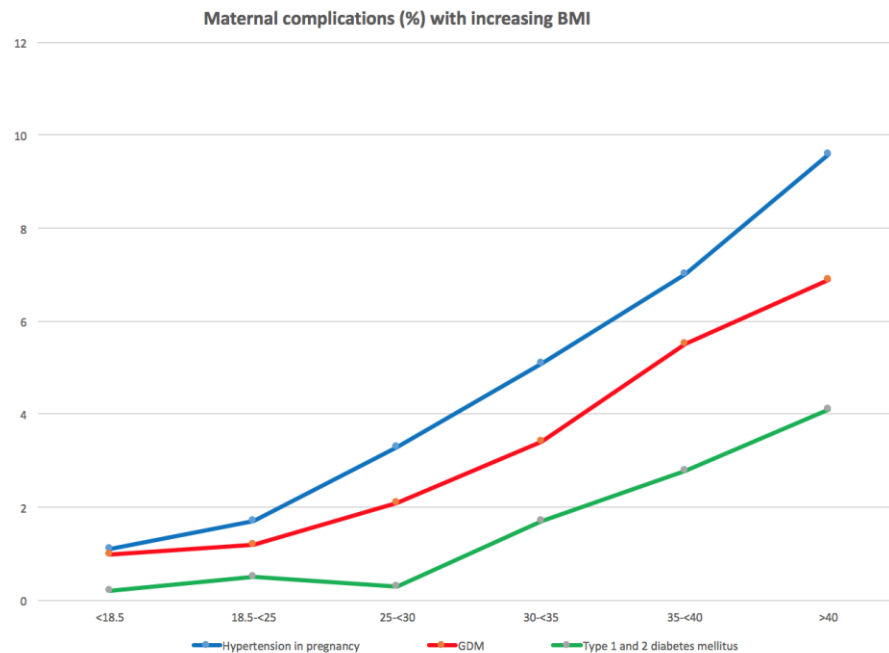


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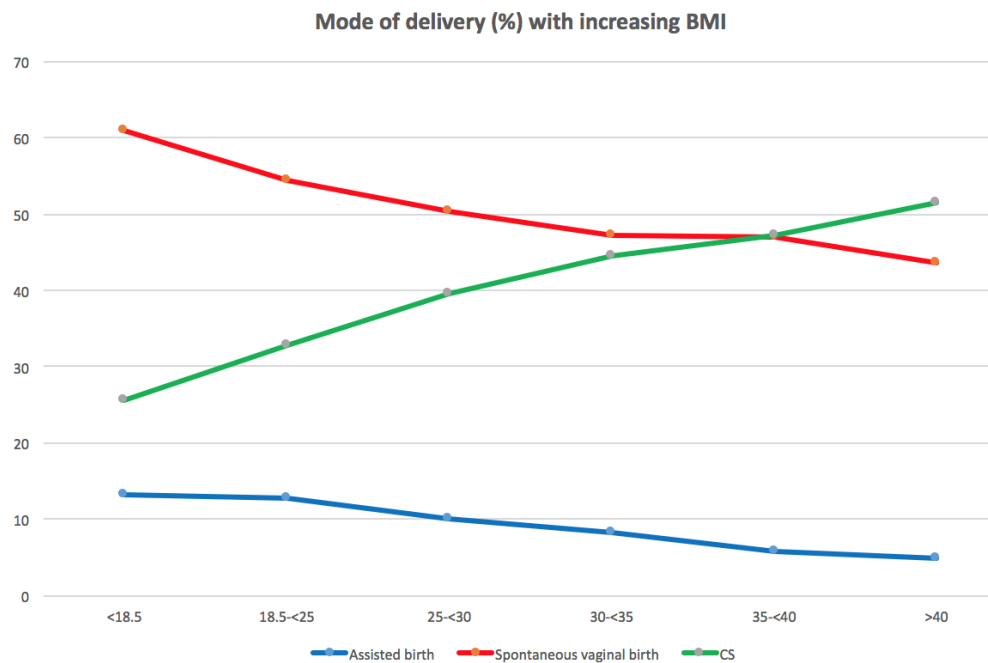
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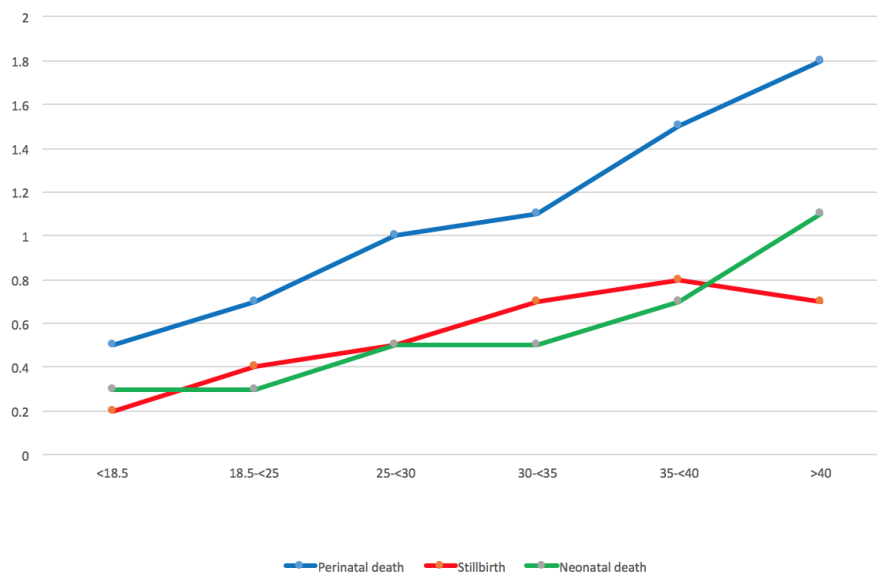
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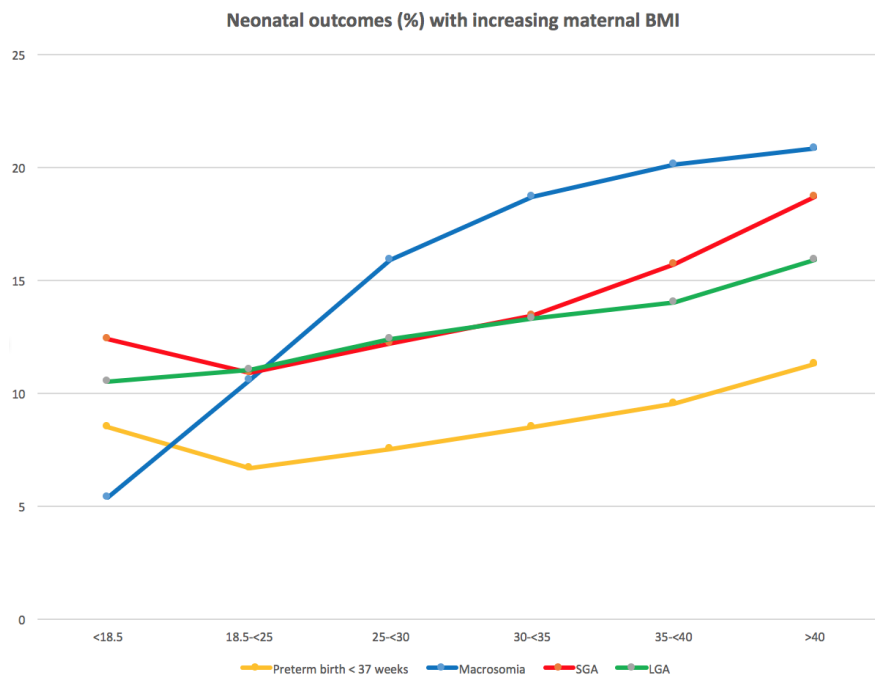
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Neonatal outcomes (%) with increasing maternal BMI



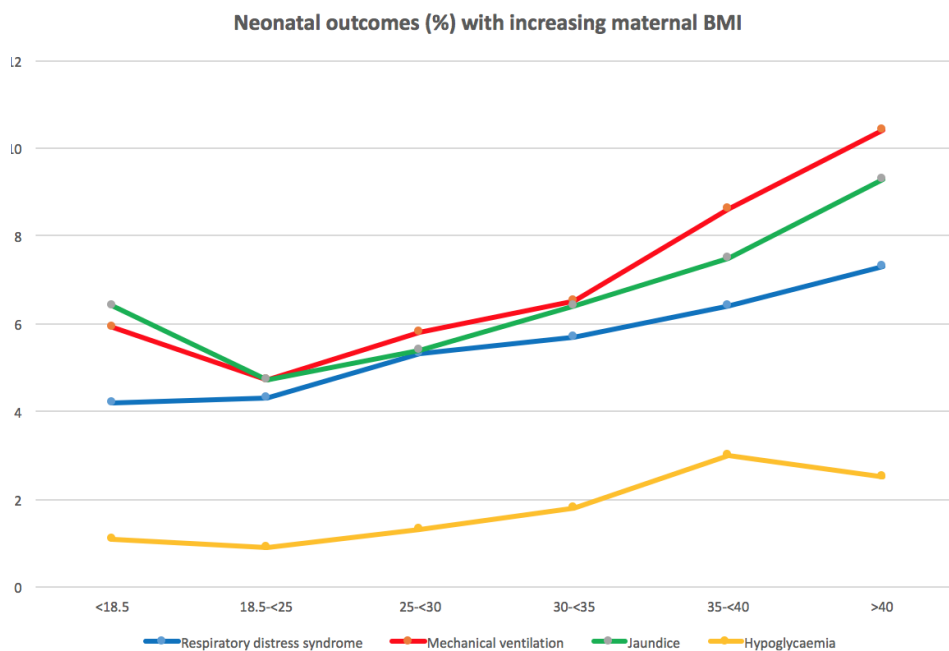
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SFH? Lie, presentation?





Monitoring the weight gained in pregnancy is critical if we are to manage the high rate of gestational and pre-gestational diabetes, as well as the major public health issue of obesity in pregnancy. The majority of women who died were not weighed as part of their regular antenatal care, and in some instances weight gain may have been helpful in alerting clinicians to more serious underlying pathology. Rapid weight gain may alert the clinician to conduct a careful search for features of pre-eclampsia, peripartum cardiomyopathy, fetal issues, or simply provide counselling about diet and exercise.



Good practice points

Women should be weighed regularly throughout antenatal care and have their weight gain compared to Institute of Medicine guidelines for weight gain in pregnancy.

Clinicians should be wary of inadequate weight gain or weight loss during pregnancy, especially in the presence of disturbed bowel habits and/or unexpected or poorly responsive iron deficiency. Adequate diagnosis of conditions that may cause such symptoms and signs is difficult in pregnancy.

The increase in obesity in our society means that monitoring the weight of pregnant women is essential to helping manage the high rate of gestational and pre-gestational diabetes, as well as other weight related health issues that can be exacerbated in pregnancy.

Dr Nikki Whelan, Chair Maternal Mortality Sub-Committee

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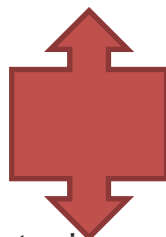
Nutrition for pregnancy post-bariatric surgery

Dr Shelley Wilkinson
Senior Research Dietitian, MMH

Issues for the pregnant bariatric patient

Baseline bariatric issues

- Reduced food intake due to reduced gastric capacity +/- food intolerances (all procedures)
- Reduced efficiency of digestion/absorption
 - Decreased parietal cells and IF (RYGB + GB + BPD)
 - Bypass of key absorption sites for some nutrients (RYGB + BPD)
 - Dumping syndrome (RYGB)
- Malabsorption

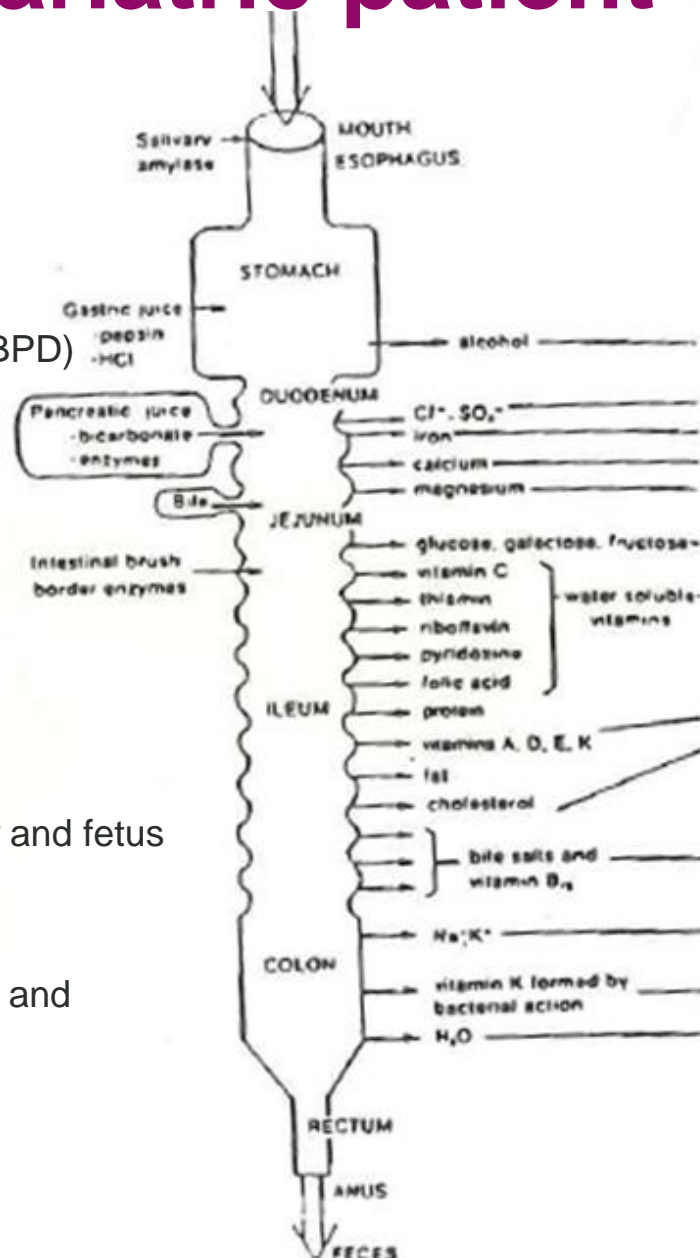


Additional issues in pregnancy

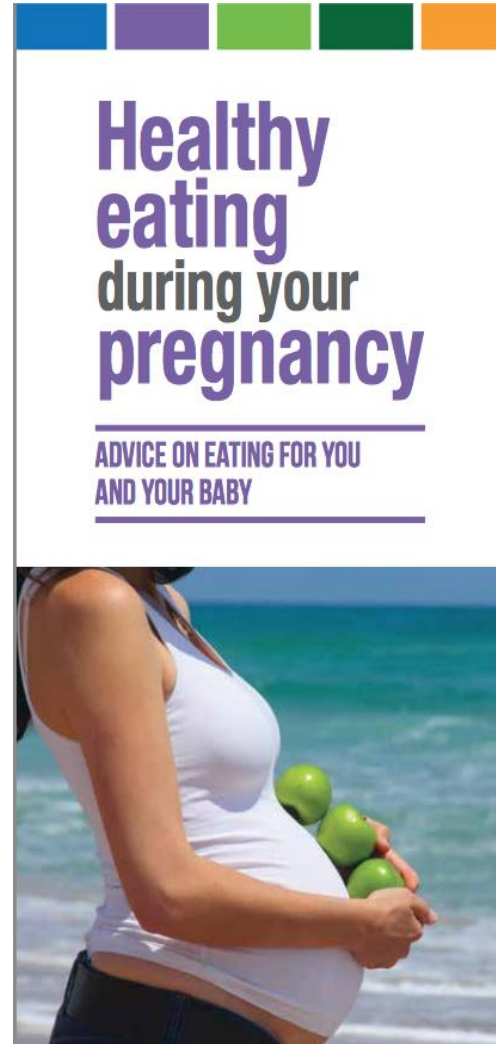
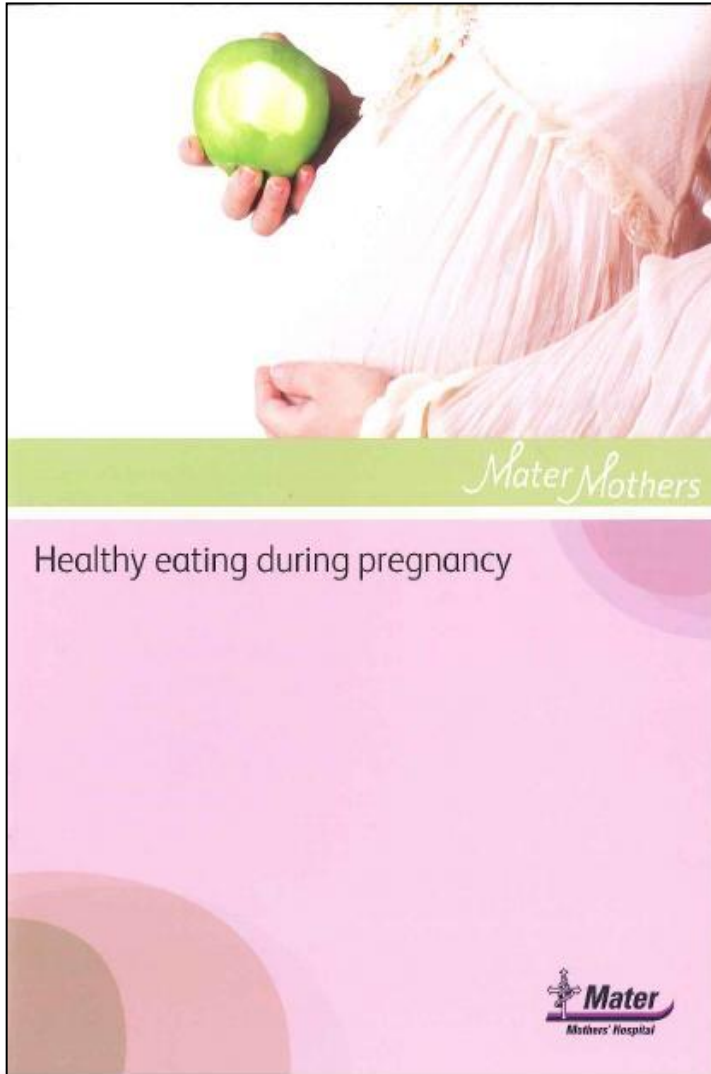
- Increased requirements for protein and most micronutrients
- Nausea, vomiting, constipation, food aversions
- Need for weight gain (2nd and 3rd trimesters)
- WEIGHT LOSS is not recommended, can lead to IUGR
- Nutritional deficiencies can have devastating effects on mother and fetus

Issues in lactation

- Even higher requirements for protein and micronutrients
- Effect of poor nutrition on milk quality -> effect on infant growth and development



Dietary guidelines for pregnancy



Nine Months of Nutrition

Nine months of nutrition: nutrition for a growing baby and a glowing mum

During pregnancy the essential nutrients do change. This video looks at what you should eat and how to get it in as much as possible.

Nine months of nutrition: the essential ingredients—your guide to the Mater Mothers' Hospital nutrition service

Introducing the essential ingredients for a healthy pregnancy. Nutrition advice from the Mater Mothers' Hospital nutrition service.

Nine months of nutrition: pregnancy side-dishes—tips to manage common pregnancy side effects

Many women experience pregnancy side effects such as feeling overfull. This presentation provides tips on how to manage these side effects with a nourishing diet for the health of you and your baby.

Nine months of nutrition: non-essential ingredients—helping you tell the difference between safe and unsafe foods in pregnancy

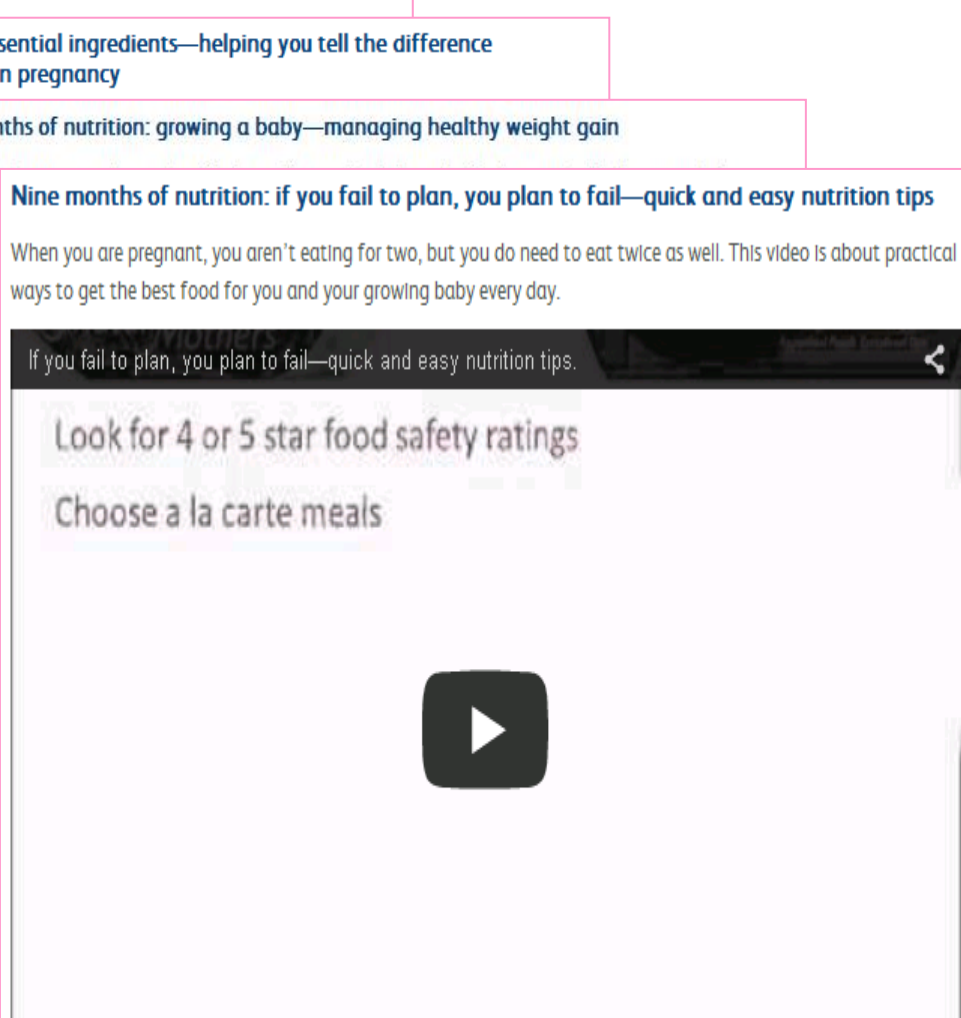
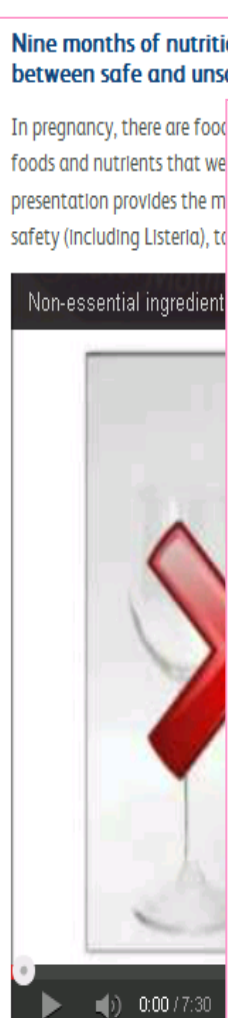
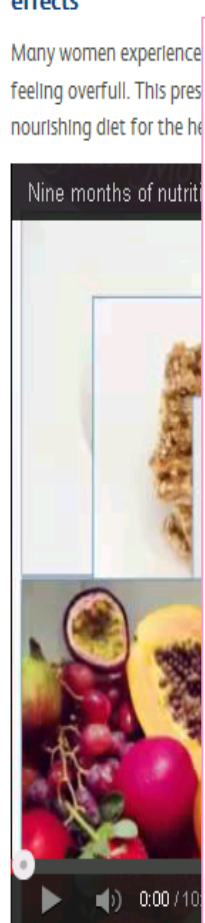
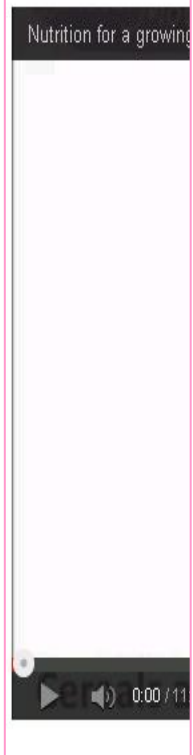
In pregnancy, there are foods and nutrients that are safe to eat and those that are not. This presentation provides the information you need to make safe choices (including Listeria), to help you and your baby stay healthy.

Nine months of nutrition: growing a baby—managing healthy weight gain

Weight gain during pregnancy is a natural part of growing a baby. This presentation provides information on how to manage healthy weight gain during pregnancy.

Nine months of nutrition: if you fail to plan, you plan to fail—quick and easy nutrition tips

When you are pregnant, you aren't eating for two, but you do need to eat twice as well. This video is about practical ways to get the best food for you and your growing baby every day.



Nutrient requirements in pregnancy post bariatric surgery

- Referral to a maternity dietitian
 - Hx of weight loss; GWG goals; expectations
 - Side effects (N&V; constipation; reflux) and management
 - Hx of dietary goal compliance; current intake; grazing; food texture
 - Ability/willingness to comply with the recommendations (follow up++)
- Supplements – change to pregnancy-specific one

- Nutritional complications

Systematic review (Maggard et al, JAMA, 2008)

- Nutritional problems in pregnancy after band or bypass – attributed to supplement non-adherence (Grade C)
- 22 studies, 13 comparison studies (n=785); 9 case reports
- Studies following BPD, severe nutritional deficiency requiring parenteral nutrition reported with many, but not all, relating to non-adherence
- Increased incidence in NTD in some gastric bypass patients (n=6) noted as being non-adherent to supplements

Nutrient requirements in pregnancy post-bariatric surgery

(source: Fiona Sammut, APD, DAA webinar, 6/2014)

	Post-Surgery requirements (ASMBS)	RDI & UL Pregnancy (NHMRC)	NOTES
Iron	45-60 mg (cf 200mg OD RCGP)	27 mg/d UL = 45-70mg/d	Increased requirement due to decreased absorption (less gastric acid and bypass of sites)
B12	1000 mcg/d (cf injections RCGP)	2.6 mcg/d No UL	Deficiency risk is high due to decreased gastric acid and less intrinsic factor (for Bypass and GS). Estimate that patients only absorb 1% from oral form
Folate	400mcg/d (5mg RCGP)	600-800 mcg/d UL = 1000 mcg/d	Aim 600mcg/d from diet sources. Additional 400-500mcg from supplemental form
Vit D	3000 IU/d	2000 IU/d No UL	Use of pathology to determine if adequate levels
Calcium	1200-1500mg/d	1000-1300 mg/d UL = 2500mg/d	Decrease efficiency of absorption as less gastric acid and bypass of absorption sites (not in Lap Band)
Thiamin	1-3 mg/d	1.4 mg/d No UL	High risk deficiency if/with frequent vomiting
Iodine	N/A	220 mcg/d UL = 1100 mcg/d	Supplement 150mg/d
Vit A			Increased requirement in pregnancy, though high levels increase risk of teratogenicity. Unlikely increased risk deficiency unless malabsorption occurs. Unless a good reason to suspect deficiency, prudent to avoid supplements with Retinol or Retinyl esters. Betacarotene or mixed carotenoids are safe
Vit A, E,K			May be compromised especially in Bypass surgery - more likely if fat malabsorption present. Monitor biochem
Zinc & Copper			Increased requirement, important to ensure patients are meeting RDI

Nutrient requirements in pregnancy post bariatric surgery

Be aware of potential nutritional deficiencies and their signs & symptoms

- *Need to establish baseline nutritional status and correct deficiencies*
- *Counselling re appropriate GWG*

Protein malnutrition

- *Oedema; can be several years post surgery*

Anaemia

- *Fe, Zn, folate, B12 are all possible; also check blood loss*
- *Less common causes eg Zn, Cu, Se - Unexplained anaemia, poor wound healing, hair loss, neutropaenia, peripheral neuropathy, cardiomyopathy; note copper vs zinc absorption (check supplements)*

Calcium and vitamin D deficiency

- *May result in secondary hyperparathyroidism; replace as per previous slide*

Vitamin A deficiency

- *Suspect in patients with changes in night vision; especially if steatorrhoea or duodenal switch*

Thiamine

- *Suspect in patients with poor intake, persistent regurgitation and vomiting*
- *Early post op phase (anastomatic stricture), food intolerance, overtight band*
- *Wernicke's encephalopathy*

Pregnancy nutrient supplementation

Lap band

- Pregnancy specific supplement usually suffices

Bypass; Gastric sleeve

- Pregnancy specific multivitamin in addition to
- (most likely needing) calcium 600-1000mg (citrate form)
- B12 1000 mcg oral/day (or injections)
- Vitamin D 1500 IU (or more, depending on pathology and amount in multivitamin)
- ? + iron (depending on pathology and multivitamin)

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Pregnancy after Bariatric Surgery

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Senior Staff Specialist, Endocrinology and Obstetric Medicine

MAH, MMH

Pregnancy after Bariatric Surgery

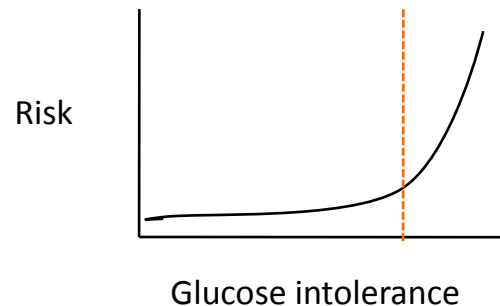
- Reduced risk of
 - Macrosomia
 - Gestational diabetes
 - Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- Increased risk of
 - SGA
 - Preterm birth
- Advise women to defer pregnancy until 12-24 months post-surgery, ideally when weight has stabilised
- Increased rate of OCP failure after bariatric surgery
- Higher rates of unplanned pregnancy in adolescents after bariatric surgery – double rates of general adolescent population

Medical Management

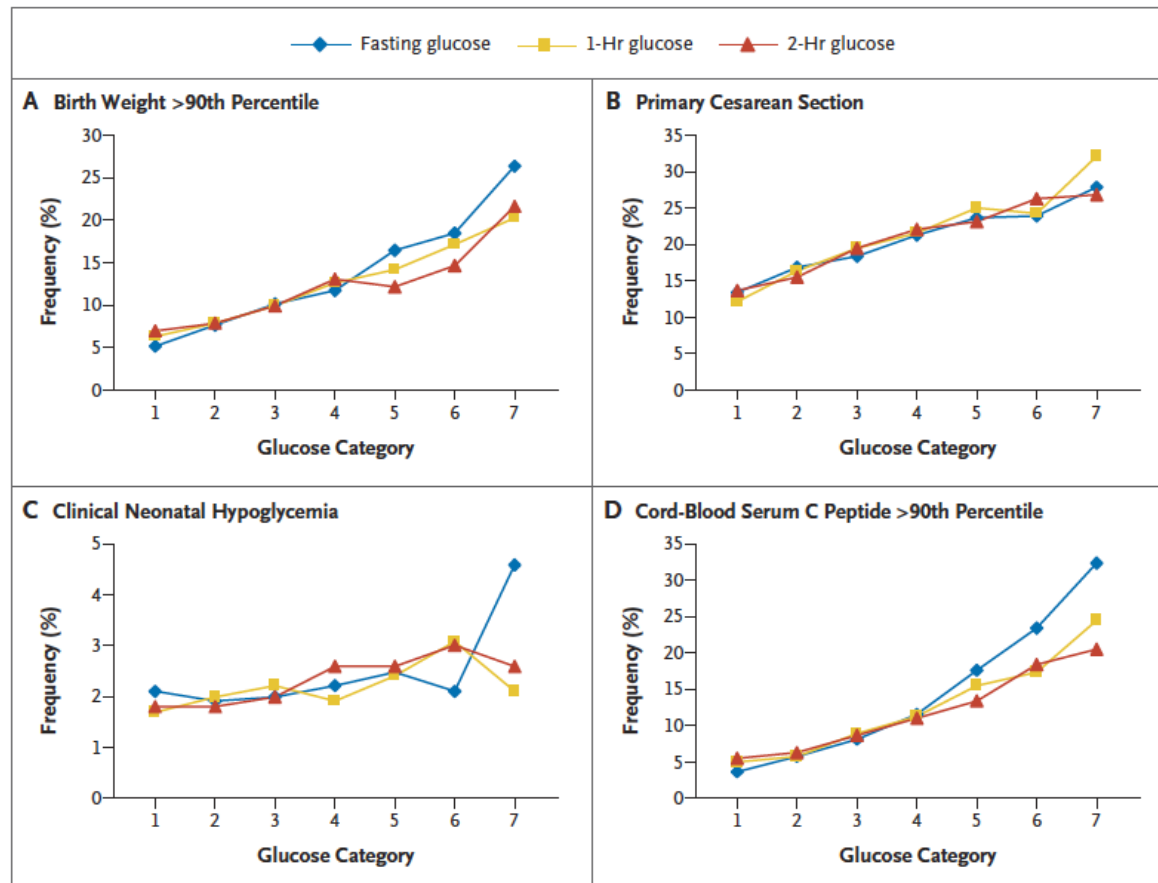
- Monitor for nutritional deficiencies – supplement as required
- Pregnancy multivitamin with additional calcium / Vitamin B12 / iron / folate
- FBC / iron studies / folate / thiamine / vitamin B12 / calcium / Vitamin D – check at least every trimester
- Identified deficiencies – replace and monitor monthly
- Screening for GDM
 - Glucose tolerance test not well tolerated in women with previous Roux-en Y gastric bypass
 - Dumping syndrome – rapid fluid shifts, hyperinsulinaemic response and reactive hypoglycemia
 - Alternative testing options – HbA1c, fasting and post meal BGLs for 1 week

HAPO study

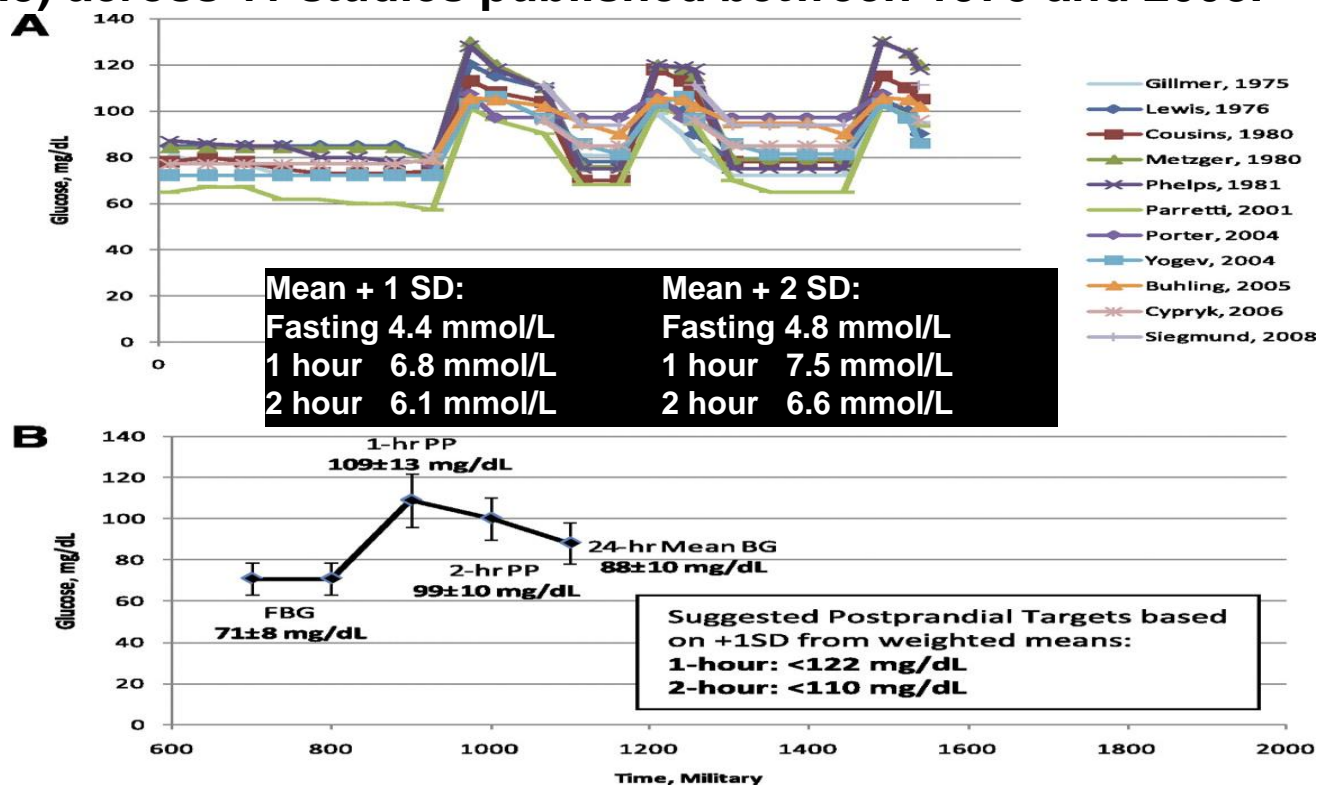
- Data from 25 000 women
- Plotted adverse outcome against GTT result
- Ideally . . .



The unfortunate reality....



Glycemia in normal pregnancy (gestational week 33.8 ± 2.3) across 11 studies published between 1975 and 2008.



Hernandez T L et al. Dia Care 2011;34:1660-1668

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GDM eLearning Series



Gestational Diabetes Mellitus eLearning Series

Gestational Diabetes Mellitus eLearning Series

Bought to you by Queensland Health Statewide Diabetes Clinical Network

The Gestational Diabetes Mellitus ("GDM") eLearning series provides health professionals with an evidence-based approach to the care of women with GDM in a multidisciplinary environment.

This series has been developed using current best practice evidence and guidelines. Individuals are encouraged to apply this knowledge in the context of local institutional policy and within their own scope of practice.

This series pertains only to the care of women with GDM. Women with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes require more intensive medical and obstetric surveillance and management.

Course Information

Presented By Medcast

Course Type Online Learning Modules

Duration 6 hours

Areas of Interest Reproductive Health

[Enrol](#)



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Maturity-onset diabetes of the young

Dr Janet Warner

Director of Mater Pathology

MODY

- Mater have been funded to evaluate the clinical, ethical and economic factors in targeted genetic testing for maturity-onset diabetes of the young (MODY) in gestational diabetes. During this study, women with GDM will be invited to have genetic testing for MODY if they are at or before the 28 weeks mark.
- The purpose of this project is to see whether all women diagnosed with GDM should be offered this testing.
- Further information is available [here](#) or by contacting the research nurse, Carolyn Bergan, at mbwhResearch@mater.org.au or 3163 7919.

The MODY in GDM project

Maturity-onset diabetes of the young

Autosomal dominant inheritance

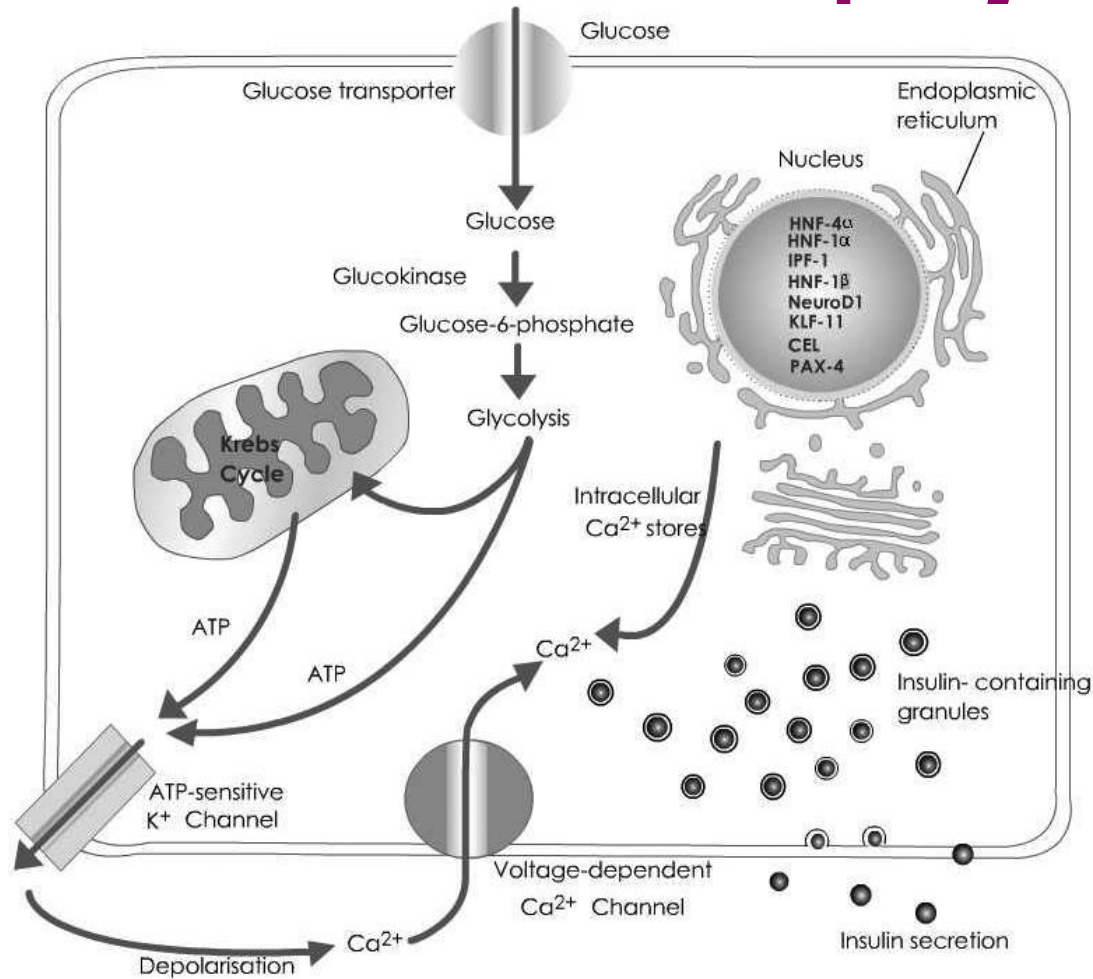
Heterogeneous group of about 13 types

1-2% of diabetes diagnoses – prevalence

probably underestimated due to lack of genetic testing

Relevance in pregnancy and lifetime treatment

The MODY in GDM project



MODY in pregnancy

GCK-MODY (30-50% of MODY)

Non-affected fetus + 'un'treated mother =
macrosomic fetus

Affected fetus + treated mother = restricted fetal
growth

HNF1A-MODY (30-50% of MODY)

Low dose sulphonylurea

HNF4A-MODY (2-5% of MODY)

Low dose sulphonylurea

The MODY in GDM project

Genetic testing of 480 women with GDM

- GDM diagnosis by K28, first GTT, must consent to family testing if positive
 - Delivering at Mater Mothers' (need outcomes data)
 - MODY panel of 13 genes – massively parallel sequencing
 - Participants do QoL questionnaires online at 3 time points
- Appropriate management of MODY positive
- Serial ultrasound – GCK-MODY
 - Genetic counselling at GHQ and family testing

The MODY in GDM project

Outcomes:

- Prevalence in GDM
- Is it cost effective to offer genetic testing to all women with GDM?
 - only those with a certain phenotype?
- Social acceptance of the test among women with GDM?
- Raise the clinical workforce confidence and expertise in genetic testing
 - Write some guidelines

Session two

Obstetric complications

Time	Task	Who
12:30 am	Small group work – <u>Obstetric Complications</u> PV Bleeding Current controversies Obstetric emergencies Multiple pregnancies	Dr Albert Jung Dr Sarah Janssens Dr Julie Buchanan Dr Huda Safa
1:50	Group discussions/learnings	All
2:30 pm	Afternoon tea	All

So, how does this work?

- Ladies and gentlemen, you have the undivided attention of your speaker at your table for the next 20 minutes. Please listen respectfully but feel free to ask questions and seek clarification. A bell will sound at 18 minutes and your speaker will have to move to the next table at the second bell, which will sound at the 20 minute mark.
- We have 35 minutes for group discussion prior to afternoon tea, so if you think of a question after the 20 minutes is up, you will have another opportunity.
- Your time starts now!

US/S costs—clinics compared

Accurate as of March 2017—not an exhaustive list, not Mater endorsed!

Practice	NTS (\$60 rebate)	Morphology (\$85 rebate)
City Scan	\$200	\$180 (HCC rebate, BB viability, dating and follow up scans if HCC)
Exact Radiology	\$180 (available at Sunnybank, Chapel Hill, Ipswich N and Rochedale)*	\$150*
Oz Radiology	\$150 (Morningside and Carina)*	\$150 (HCC BB) book 2-4 weeks ahead*
Qld Xray	\$230 Women's Diagnostic \$215 at Wynnum, Cleveland, Coorparoo	\$225/\$215 BB viability, dating and single follow up scan if HCC
Qscan	\$200	\$235 (\$151 - rebate \$51 for all other pregnancy scans)
QDI	\$200 not available at all sites (book well in advance)	\$170*
So + Gi (4D)	\$355 (\$587.50 for NIPT + dating scan, \$110-\$120 rebate)	\$355 (\$120-\$150 rebate)

**viability, dating scans and a single third trimester/follow up scans BB*

NTS + NIPT?

- Please order NTS if you want a first trimester scan + NIPT as your early anomaly testing
- This ensures the correct, detailed scan is booked
- This provides the appropriate rebate for the woman (so long as we indicate a reason)
- Let radiology know if you have organised a NIPT and if you do or do not want the calculation of risk
- PAPPA provides some risk assessment for pregnancy complications, however it is debatable whether or not this warrants the additional testing

Snapshot

In 2012 and 2013

124,832 women gave birth to 126,881 babies:

- 30.1 per cent of mothers had not previously given birth
- 6.1 per cent of mothers identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 75.8 per cent were aged 20-34 years, 19.3 per cent aged 35 years or more and 4.9 per cent under 20 years old
- 33.3 per cent of births were by caesarean section (of which 12.3 per cent of all births were emergency caesarean and 21 per cent caesarean without labour)
- 17.8 per cent of babies were admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit and/or a special care baby unit
- There were eight maternal deaths due to causes directly or indirectly related to the pregnancy. There were also four maternal deaths due to incidental causes and 28 late maternal deaths¹
- The leading cause of death of women during pregnancy and within 365 days of the end of pregnancy was suicide
- There were 871 stillbirths and 401 neonatal deaths (the combined perinatal mortality rate is 10 per 1000 births), most commonly due to congenital abnormality, unexplained antepartum death and spontaneous preterm birth
- Congenital anomalies (one or more) were recorded in 60.7 babies per 1000 born in Queensland in 2012 and 2013. These babies were more likely to be born preterm and with a low birthweight.

Maternal and Perinatal Mortality and Morbidity in Queensland Queensland Maternal and Perinatal Quality Council [Report 2015](#)

¹ A late maternal death is the death of the mother more than 42 and fewer than 365 days after the end of the pregnancy.

Routine Anti-D prophylaxis

Anti-D can be ordered from the Red Cross via QML or Mater Pathology, who will deliver it to surgeries.

Please record the routine administration at 28 and 34-36 weeks on page 1 of the women's section of the PHR.

625 IU (125 µg) is recommended for ALL Rh negative women unless they are antibody positive.

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All clinical form crea

General Practitioner (GP) (stamp or print details):		3163 5132
Name:	Shared care: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Antenatal appointments: 3163 8330
Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Discontinued	General enquiries: 3163 8111
	Phone:	13HEALTH: 13 43 25 84
	Fax:	Domestic Violence Hotline: 1800 811 811
Email:	Pager:	

GPs: Please refer to the "Mater Mothers' Hospital GP Maternity Shared Care Guideline" at materonline.org.au (maternity services) for the MMH/GP shared services protocol, guidelines for consultation and referral and the antenatal appointment schedule.

Anti D Prophylaxis (for Rh Negative women only)

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	→ Week 28:	<input type="text"/>	Week 34-36:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> No	(initial)		(initial)	

Disclaimer - Important Information

This document is not nor should it be treated as a complete obstetric record for the patient. Copies of the complete obstetric record for the mother will be available to the mother's treating healthcare provider/s on request. Any notes in this document must be read in conjunction with any documents attached to it and the patient's clinical record. The documents will be updated at each visit.

Mater Health Services does not warrant that this document is a comprehensive or up to date record. Any treating healthcare provider/s should contact Mater Health Services (07 3163 1918) for the current information about the patient.

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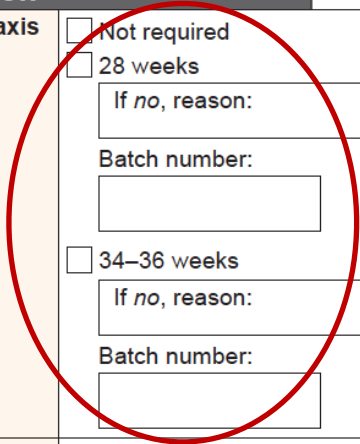
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Routine Anti-D prophylaxis QHealth

Please record the routine administration on page 7 of the clinician's section of the PHR.

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	If no, reason:	Print name:	
	Batch number:	Designation: Signature:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 34-36 weeks	Print name:	
	If no, reason:	Designation: Signature:	
	Batch number:	Print name:	
dTpa (diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough) vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date given:	Gestation: Batch number:
		/ /	weeks
Influenza vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date given:	Gestation: Batch number:
		/ /	weeks
Other (specify)		Date given:	Gestation: Batch number:
		/ /	weeks



Administration of Anti-D

- Rh D immunoglobulin should be given slowly by deep IMI, using a 20 gauge needle **within 72 hours** of a sensitising event
- Document in PHR
- RhD immunoglobulin can be ordered upon receipt of a signed and completed request form and delivered via routine courier service
 - a) Mater Blood Bank Fax 07 3163 8179
 - b) QML Blood Bank Fax 07 3371 9029
- If your practice has an immunization fridge you may be able to order and keep a small supply.



Research

- A RSV immunisation study is being conducted by the Mothers', Babies and Women's Health Research Team for women with an EDC before 1/8/18, who are 28-36 weeks gestation and with at least a 2/52 gap between flu/pertussis vaccination and RSV
- Funding of \$100 per successful referral is available to GPs who refer eligible patients to this study
- If you are interested, please follow up as per the information in your packs, and you will be provided with more information via a follow up contact

Afternoon Tea

Welcome to our final session

Perinatal Mental Health

<i>Time</i>	<i>Task</i>	<i>Who</i>
3 pm	Small group work— <u>Perinatal Mental Health</u> The consumer perspective Mental illness in the perinatal period Screening, referral pathways Medication use in pregnancy and breastfeeding	All Debbie Spink Dr Lyndall White Dr Wendy Burton Dr Treasure McGuire
4:20	Group discussion/learnings, Q & A	All
4:45	Wrap up	All
5 pm	Finish!	All



Maternal and Perinatal Mortality and Morbidity in Queensland

Queensland Maternal and Perinatal Quality Council Report 2015

In brief



Women giving birth



30.1% of mothers had not previously given birth

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4.9% mothers were



75% mothers were



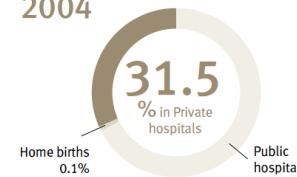
19.3% mothers were



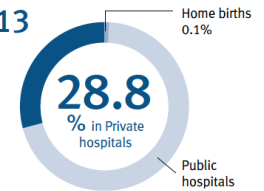
6.1% of mothers identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

The percentage of women accessing private hospitals to give birth has fallen from 31.5 per cent since 2004 to 28.8 per cent in 2013.

2004



2013



Women giving birth in private hospitals has fallen from 31.5% to 28.8%

Between 2004-2013 the majority of women gave birth at gestations between 37 and 42 weeks (91.2 per cent to 91.9 per cent).

Women giving birth in private hospitals were more likely to have a caesarean without labour or induction of labour, and to give birth in the 37 to 39 week gestation period.

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Peach tree parents meetings

Meet other parents experiencing perinatal mental illness in a warm

Parent education

Prepare for the emotional aspects and realities of the transition to

Documentary

An honest account of parenthood as told by mothers and

Mind the Bump

The advertisement features three smartphones displaying the Mind the Bump app interface. The background is a light yellow gradient with a large blue water drop icon at the top center. Logos for 'beyondblue' (a butterfly) and 'SMILING MIND' (a brain with a smile) are visible in the top corners. The app title 'Mind the Bump' is prominently displayed in the center.

The left smartphone shows a 'Timeline' screen with a progress bar from 1 to 7, highlighting 'Stage 1' for 'Antenatal 1st Trimester' (Weeks 1-12). The middle smartphone shows a dashboard with three circular statistics: '37 Meditation Minutes', '2 Meditations Completed', and '48 Days Till Due Date'. The right smartphone shows an 'Attention Training' screen with a play button and a '5 Mins' timer.

At the bottom of the smartphone images are two download buttons: 'ANDROID APP ON Google play' and 'Download on the App Store'. Below the smartphones, the text 'Calm, clear and connected' is displayed on a green background.

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Welcome to WWWT!

The birth of a first baby is one of the biggest life transitions an adult will experience. Major life changes are always accompanied by mixed feelings and most parents feel under-equipped for the tasks of infant care and managing a household with a baby.

This website contains information about common experiences in the early months of parenthood and some effective ways of thinking about and managing them.

All information on this website is drawn from up-to-date research and the experiences of many parents of new babies. We hope that you find the site helpful as you learn to live with your first baby.

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The day we welcomed Esme

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Every experience is new as a first time mum, including...

Medicare items

16500 or 16591 can be combined with

- 3, 23, 36 or 44 (so long as each item number requirements are met)
- 2713 Professional attendance in relation to a mental disorder, at least 20 minutes in duration, involving taking relevant history, identifying the presenting problem, providing treatment and advice and, if appropriate, referral, and documenting
- 2700, 2701, 2715, 2717 (MHAP with or without training)
- 2712 (MHAP Review)

Must be for separate issues and noted as such when billing. For auditing purposes, I suggest you itemise the consultation e.g. Issue 1 xyz; Issue 2 antenatal care

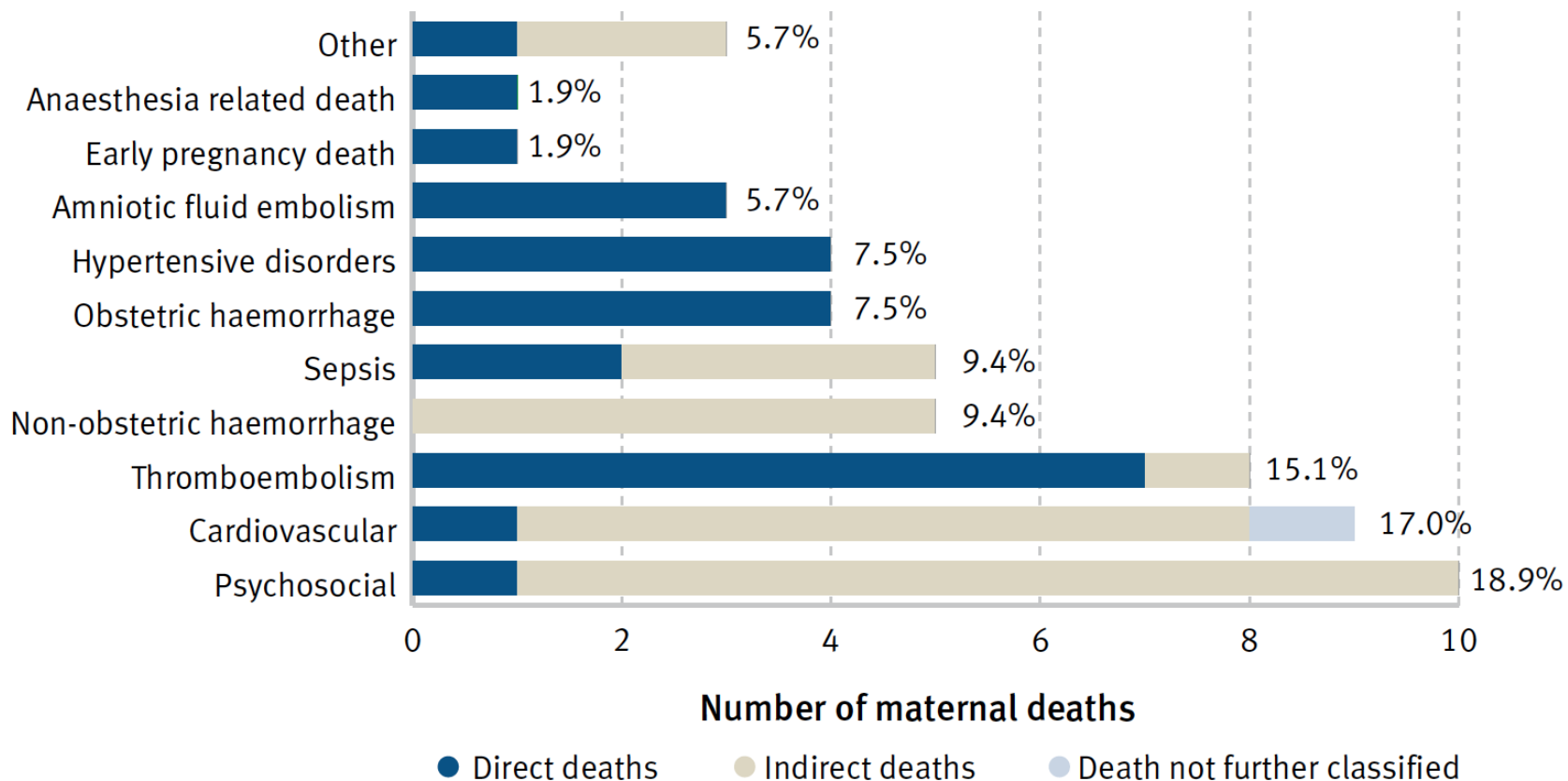
Management of mental illness in the perinatal period

If public specialist assessment is required:
**Metro South Acute Care Services (1300 MH
CALL = 1300 64 22 55)** offer initial triage and
assessment for severe or complex
presentations. They can also provide expert
advice on management and advice around
medications

Maternal and Perinatal Mortality and Morbidity in Queensland

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Figure 2: Causes of maternal deaths (direct and indirect deaths), Queensland 2004 to 2013



It is concerning to note that suicide was, and continues to be, the leading cause of death in women during pregnancy and within 365 days of the end of pregnancy.

We believe that the reported number of mothers who suicide in association with pregnancy is underestimated and is actually greater than is counted in these figures, as there is a lack of available information regarding the number of miscarriages and terminations of pregnancy in Queensland.

It is essential that we identify pregnant women and new mothers who might benefit from appropriate care from mental health professionals.

It is particularly important that we show a greater appreciation for the potential for depression and other mental health issues, particularly in association with the termination of pregnancy. Practitioners referring women for termination of pregnancy or undertaking termination of pregnancy need to ensure adequate follow-up for these women, especially if the procedure is undertaken due to mental health concerns.

Equally, active follow-up of the women known to be at risk of depression from prenatal and postnatal screening needs to be universal and effective.

The rate of suicide of new mothers is alarming to the QMPQC and, as health professionals, we need to work together with our colleagues and the broader community so we can reduce this leading cause of death.

Professor David Ellwood, Chair QMPQC



Good practice points

Women with a history of serious mental illness (e.g. schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder, schizoaffective disorder) should routinely be offered mental health follow-up for at least the first twelve months post-partum. The woman's GP would be the most appropriate health practitioner to undertake such follow-up in most circumstances.

Mental health screening is performed almost universally in the public sector but less so in the private sector. Use of the Edinburgh Post Natal Depression Score in the private sector may help to identify women who warrant further follow-up.

RACGP White Book

Specific populations

Pregnant women

GPs involved in obstetric or shared antenatal care need to be aware that pregnancy is a risk factor for intimate partner abuse. Evidence suggests that four to nine women in every 100 pregnant women are abused.⁴⁴

We ask pregnant patients about smoking, alcohol and breastfeeding, and we also need to screen for intimate partner abuse.^{3,2}

For many women, pregnancy and the post partum period exacerbates the violence and threats within their relationship.⁴⁵ For some, pregnancy may even provoke it. A violent and jealous partner may resent the pregnancy because he is not prepared to 'share' her. There may be financial or sexual pressures, which are compounded by the pregnancy.

Abused pregnant women are twice as likely to miscarry than non-abused pregnant women. An abusive partner will often target the breasts, stomach and genitals of their pregnant partner.³ Often the abuse will start with the first pregnancy, and as a result the woman may avoid prenatal check-ups. Women who do not seek antenatal care until the third trimester should raise suspicion.

Consider asking about intimate partner abuse in the antenatal period.³

How do you ask women about mental illness or DV?

“In addition to the blood tests and ultrasound scans we recommend in pregnancy, we ask every woman questions about how she is feeling and if she is safe. Anxiety, depression and domestic violence are common conditions and they may occur for the first time or get worse in pregnancy.”

R u ok?

“Are you safe?”

Table 3. Questions and statements to make if you suspect intimate partner abuse

- Has your partner ever physically threatened or hurt you?
- Is there a lot of tension in your relationship? How do you resolve arguments?
- Sometimes partners react strongly in arguments and use physical force. Is this happening to you?
- Are you afraid of your partner? Have you ever been afraid of any partner?
- Have you ever felt unsafe in the past?
- Violence is very common in the home. I ask a lot of my patients about abuse because no-one should have to live in fear of their partners.

Table 5. Possible validation statements if a patient discloses intimate partner abuse

- Everyone deserves to feel safe at home
- You don't deserve to be hit or hurt and it is not your fault
- I am concerned about your safety and wellbeing
- You are not alone; I will be with you through this, whatever you decide. Help is available
- You are not to blame; abuse is common and happens in all types of relationships
- Abuse can affect your health (and that of your children).

Evidence for screening?

Depression appears to be one of the strongest clinical predictors of intimate partner abuse. One in five currently depressed women attending Victorian general practices has experienced severe physical, emotional and sexual abuse by a partner or ex-partner in the past 12 months.³⁶ Multiple physical symptoms are also a key indicator of abuse.²⁸

Studies show that there is a need for patients to be encouraged to discuss abuse and to see it as affecting their health. We need to have a high level of suspicion and to be able to ask direct questions in a sensitive way. There is insufficient evidence for screening in clinical settings,^{3,2} with the possible exception of antenatal care. However, there should be a low threshold for asking about abuse, particularly when underlying psychosocial problems are suspected. Possible questions to ask and statements to make are listed in *Table 3*.

Mater Mothers



The last minute, extra bits!

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Digital preconception tool

- Mater are working on the development of a digital preconception tool for women with diabetes.
- Testing has begun on a platform which collates patient data and generates a digital referral. It also integrates treatment guidelines, provides meaningful graphic representation for patients and alerts the clinician to missing essential investigations. The aim of this "platform" will be to provide GPs with tools to prepare/track and refer patients, digitally, for specialist review.
- The initial beta testing will occur in the Mater preconception clinic
- If you are interested in doing some beta testing (with dummy or de-identified data) from the referrers perspective, please contact Dr Jo Laurie on Josephine.Laurie@mater.org.au There would some re-numeration for your time.
- The eventual aim is to pair the Auxita system with our electronic medical records to allow automated population of data fields.

Preconception (or early pregnancy) genetic testing

- There are a number of commercial options, from testing for individual components such as Fragile X, Cystic Fibrosis and spinal muscular atrophy (which together have an incidence rate similar to that of Trisomy 21) to combinations of these 3 (such as the [Prepair](#) test) through to the [Preconception screen](#), which tests for 590 separate genetic conditions.
- SNP, QML and Mater offer the Fragile X/CF/SMA testing for ~\$400 for all three, single testing is less (no Medicare rebate) and GPs can follow the links in the [Prepair](#) website for consumer and clinician resources, as well as referral forms.
- Mater is partnering with the Victorian Clinical Genetics Service (VCGS) to bring the Prepair option to Brisbane. In addition to the online resources, women can call a genetic counsellor at VCGS to discuss their options.
- The Preconception Screen costs \$750 per person or \$1400 for a couple.

New private MOC 2017

- Continuity of midwifery carer, Kaitlyn Reid RM, working with Dr Will Milford, Obstetrician at [Kindred](#) Rooms will be at East Brisbane. Out of pocket expenses for care ~ \$1 500*
- Known gap model with mix of private midwifery and obstetric care (but not a continuity of care model) [Hatch Maternity](#) ~ \$990* Rooms at South Brisbane

* excluding pathology/radiology, extra visits, PAC etc and assuming private obstetric cover

Self insurance

- Women who wish to self fund private maternity care can get a quote from the Mater Mother's Finance Department by ringing switch on 3163 8111 and asking to be put through
- They should expect to be asked to put a \$10 000 deposit down and if there are complications, this can escalate rapidly (e.g. NICU admissions)
- For obvious reasons, this is not actively recommended

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Choosing your maternity care

Mater Mothers' Hospital acknowledges that pregnancy is an exciting time for you and your family, and offers several options for maternity care to meet your individual needs.

When your GP confirms your pregnancy, they will send a referral to Mater Mothers Hospital's Antenatal Clinic. We aim to process referrals within two weeks; however, this can take several weeks depending on how many weeks pregnant you are at the time of referral and whether or not you have any medical issues.

You will then receive a letter providing details of your first antenatal clinic appointment which is usually scheduled when you are about 12 to 14 weeks pregnant. At this initial appointment you can discuss your preferred option for maternity care with the midwife.

Often, due to demand, there can be delays to our processes. Please contact your GP if you have any concerns about your referral.

Your choice of care will be affected by:

- your wishes
- complications that arose in a previous pregnancy
- any medical conditions that you now have
- conditions that may arise in this pregnancy
- [where you reside.](#)

Mater Mothers' Hospital provides the following choices for your maternity care:

- General Practitioner (GP) shared care
- public obstetric care
- midwifery care

[Models of care information](#)

Read more information about Mater Mothers' Hospital choices for maternity care.

General Practitioner (GP) shared care

If there are no complications with your pregnancy, your GP can provide your antenatal care from their practice. This is beneficial if your GP will be the main healthcarer for you and your family after your baby is born.

[Developing a birth plan](#)

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Visiting Hours

10 am to 1 pm

3 pm to 8 pm

Rest period 1 pm to 3 pm

Contact Details

Raymond Terrace,
South Brisbane QLD 4101

For general enquiries phone:
07 3163 1918 or 07 3163 1919

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Midwifery Group Practice

Quick Links

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Pregnancy—Midwifery Group Practice

Mater's Midwifery Group Practice (MGP) is designed to ensure that you receive dedicated, consistent care throughout your pregnancy, labour and birth, and during the early weeks after your baby is born. Your partnership with your 'named' midwife will mean that you will get to know each other very well, along with other MGP midwives



The program cares for women who are generally well, and have little risk of complications. If complications do arise, the midwives liaise with Mater Mothers' Hospital's obstetric team, so that you and your baby will receive the specialist care you need, while still being supported by your midwife.

How to book into the program

If you wish to participate in Mater's MGP you should be:

- planning to have a natural birth with no unnecessary interventions

PDF available for downloading at [BSPHN](#) or page 48 of the Mater Guideline

Pregnancy Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decide on where and how you wish to have your child—do you wish to be looked after privately or a publicly? Do you wish to have midwifery, general practitioner (GP) or obstetric care?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screening for depression during and after pregnancy is recommended for all women. Depression is a common, significant complication both during pregnancy and after baby is born.
<input type="checkbox"/>	When was your last Pap Smear—it should be up to date.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The following tests are recommended: Full Blood Count (for anaemia); Blood Group and antibodies; Rubella immunity, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV and Syphilis serology and a urine test for kidney disease and infections. If you have a high risk of diabetes, you are advised to have a first trimester glucose tolerance test or HbA1c.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken Pox, thyroid, chlamydia, iron stores or vitamin D levels may need to be checked, depending upon your history.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplements of folic acid and iodine are recommended.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reliable information on safe use of drugs and alcohol, diet, exercise and lifestyle activities in pregnancy can be found on the following websites: www.matermothers.org.au/journey , www.thewomens.org.au/health-information/pregnancy-and-birth/ and http://healthinsite.gov.au (follow the links to pregnancy and parenting) which has a useful link to Listeria information as well as a multitude of other useful articles/information.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoking during pregnancy is associated with significant health problems and if you are a smoker, we would like to work with you to help you to stop during this pregnancy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is recommended that alcohol be stopped as it is known to cause problems for your baby. If you are having difficulty stopping, we would like to work with you to help you to stop drinking alcohol.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is recommended that you have a free* influenza vaccine from your GP when they are available, regardless of your stage in pregnancy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	There is a blood test (B HCG and PAPP-A) and an ultrasound test (the Nuchal translucency scan) that can be done between 11 and 13 weeks of pregnancy. This test assists to determine your risk of having a child with conditions including Down's Syndrome, as well as dating the pregnancy and providing other useful information. There is also a newer blood test, the NIPT, which gives information about a limited range of chromosomal abnormalities, including Down's Syndrome. It does not have any Medicare funding and costs ~ \$500. This should be discussed further and these or other tests may be recommended.
<input type="checkbox"/>	An ultrasound test, the morphology scan, is recommended and usually done between 18 and 20 weeks of pregnancy to check on well being, size and development of the baby.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is recommended that you have a visit with your GP, midwife or obstetrician to follow up the results of any blood test, ultrasound scan or the NIPT as soon as practical after the test. Don't just assume everything is OK if you have not been contacted.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have a Rhesus negative blood group, it is recommended that you have an injection, commonly called AntiD, if you have vaginal bleeding during pregnancy and routinely at 28 and 34 weeks. If you have any vaginal bleeding, you must let us know as soon as possible and you may need to have an injection within 72 hours of the bleeding commencing. This significantly reduces the risk of you developing antibodies which could harm your baby.
<input type="checkbox"/>	At 26-28 weeks of pregnancy there are four recommended blood tests: a repeat test for anaemia and blood group antibodies, a glucose tolerance test, unless it is already known that you have diabetes and a repeat syphilis test, if you are at high risk.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is recommended that you have a free* whooping cough booster from your GP from 28 weeks gestation in each and every pregnancy, even if the pregnancies are less than two years apart.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visits are generally done as per the following schedule—every four weeks from week 12 until 28 weeks, every three weeks until 34 weeks and every two weeks until 40 weeks, with follow up at 41 weeks if you have not yet had your baby. If you have special needs or other health concerns, you may be asked to come in more often or you can choose to be seen more often.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you choose to have Shared Antenatal Care with your GP, you will usually be seen at the hospital for a booking in appointment at 16-20 weeks (earlier if you are at higher risk) and 36 weeks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A blood test for anaemia is recommended at 36 weeks of pregnancy.

*There may be a fee to see your GP



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The screenshot shows the Mater website homepage. At the top left is the Mater logo with the tagline "Exceptional People. Exceptional Care." To the right is the "Mater Specialist Quick Find" search bar with fields for "Search by Specialty" and "Search by Name" and a "Find" button. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, Services, Doctor Portal, What's On, Quick Referrals, Specialist Search, Publications, and Doctor Enquiries. The main content area features a banner for "The Mater specialist guide" with the text "Our specialist referral guide is now available to print." Below the banner is a navigation bar with buttons for "Doctor Portal", "Shared Care Alignment" (circled in red), and "Event Registration". To the right of these buttons is a search bar labeled "Search entire site" with a "Search" button. Below the navigation bar are three content blocks: "Latest News" with a link to "Improved access to Outpatient Adult Urology Service for uninsured patients", "Outpatient Waitlist Times" with a link to "View the most recent Outpatient Clinic waitlist times", and "Featured Event" with a link to "Interactive Urology Case Study GP Education - 26 May".

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GP Maternity Shared Care Alignment

In line with national trends and a commitment to providing the highest quality of antenatal care to women, Mater Mothers' Hospital (MMH), in partnership with [Brisbane South PHN \(BSPHN\)](#), has developed a range of GP Maternity Shared Care Alignment Program options.

Program Outline

Program Alignment Options

Alignment program dates

Please visit the [events page](#) for program dates in 2015.

Program resources

A range of [program resources](#) has been developed to assist in completing the MMH GP Maternity Shared Care Program and Advanced Program, and to enhance clinical knowledge and MMH referral processes.

Guidelines and policies

A list of [guidelines and policies](#) relating to GP Maternity Shared Care is available to assist you along with a MMH [patient catchment map](#).

Aligned GPs

Once you are aligned and have given permission for your practice details to be listed they will appear on the [Mater Mothers' Hospital](#) website. Please advise the program administrator via email mscadmin@mater.org.au if your details need to be updated.

Patient Referrals

To refer an uninsured patient to Mater Mothers' Hospital please complete our [antenatal referral form](#).

Further information

For further information about the Shared Care please contact the GP Liaison Midwife on telephone **07 3163 1861**, mobile 0466 205 710 or email GPL@mater.org.au.

For event registration enquires please contact the Program Administrator by email mscadmin@mater.org.au.

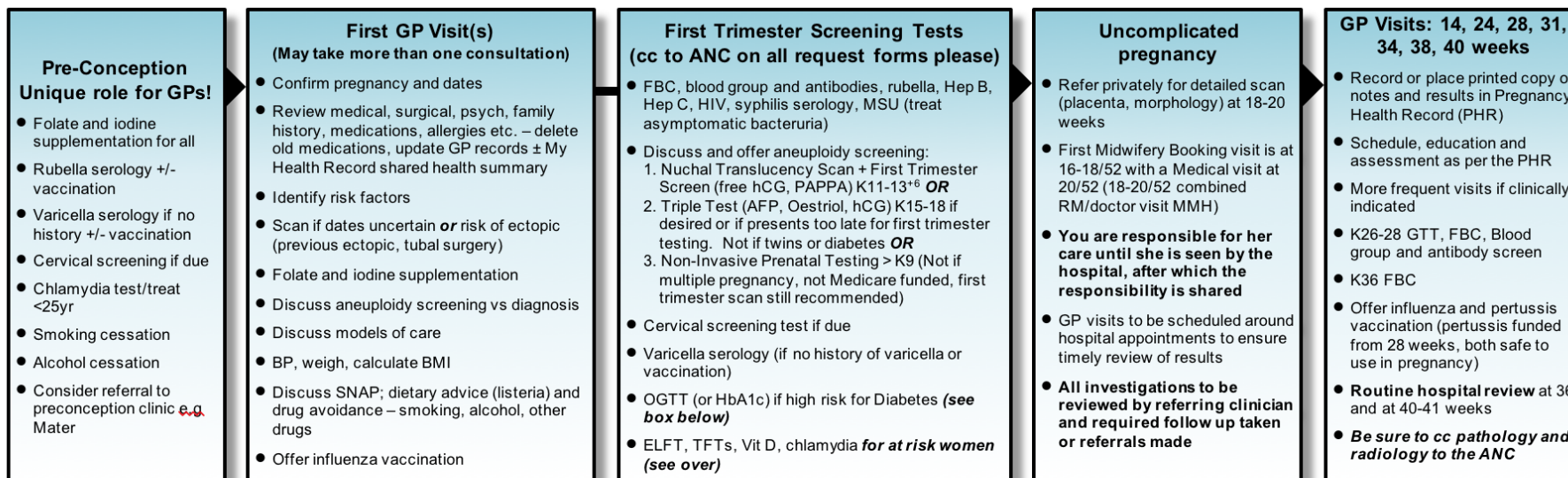
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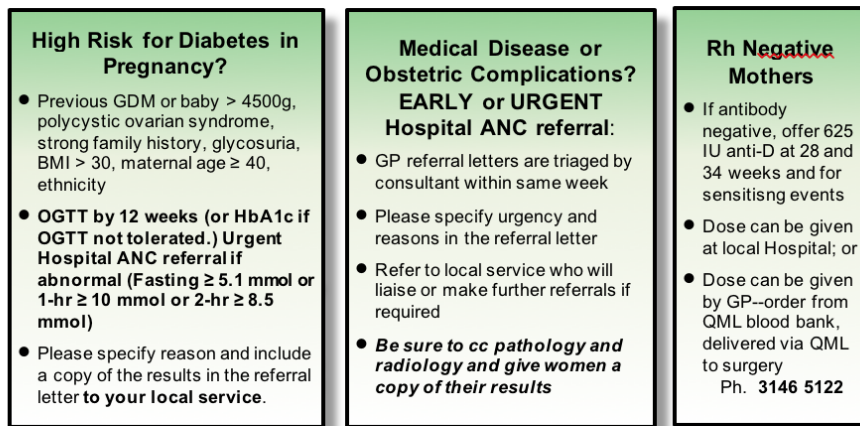
South Brisbane Antenatal Shared Care



Process



General Information




CONTACTS	Beaudesert	Logan	Redland	Mater	
Contact Details for Referrals, Pathology					
ANC fax	Central Referral Hub: 1300 364 248			3163 8053	
Secure e-Referral	Medical Objects or HealthLink available for all centres				
ANC phone	5541 9144	3299 8524	3488 3434	3163 1861	
For Urgent Referral or Advice					
O&G Registrar/GP Obs on Call	5541 9111	3299 8027	3488 3758	3163 6611	
Obstetrician on call	-	3299 9097	3488 3111	3163 6009	
Triage Midwife	5541 9144	3299 8811	3488 3044	3163 1861	
Mental Health Services	3089 2734	3089 2734	3825 6000	3163 1755	
Pregnancy Complications					
Complications, e.g. bleeding, pain, threatened or incomplete miscarriages, phone 24/7 Haemodynamically unstable women to be directed to ED/PAC	On-Call GP Obstetrician 5541 9111	<20	3299 8456	On-Call Obstetrician 3488 3111	Pregnancy Assessment Centre (PAC) 3163 6577
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		ED:	3299 8899		



QHealth referral template

This is a helpful document, with decision support built in. An electronic version is available for MD3 on www.bsphn.org.au and is a supplied template on BP (QHealth Maternity). You can [download](#) a paper copy

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Referring doctor / clinician details			
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Address:			
Provider number:		Email:	
Clinical details			
LNMP: / /	Certain? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EDD: / /	Last pap smear: / /
BMI:			
Nuchal translucency plus first trimester serum screen (11–13 weeks + 6 days): Discussed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Ordered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
NIPT: Discussed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Ordered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chorionic Villus Sampling (CVS) OR <input type="checkbox"/> Amniocentesis Discussed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Ordered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Morphology diagnostic ultrasound (18–20 weeks): Discussed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Ordered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Routine antenatal tests orders at: (please send copies with referral) <input type="checkbox"/> S&N <input type="checkbox"/> QML <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
I have made a booking to administer dTpa at or after 28 weeks: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		I have administered the influenza vaccine this pregnancy: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Significant obstetric history:	Gravida:	Para:	M/C: Ectopic: TOP:
Significant medical / surgical history:			
Medication list:			
Allergies:			
Smoking status:		cigs / day	Alcohol: drinks / day
Warnings and alerts:			
Other comments (e.g. social concerns):			
Referring doctor's / clinician's signature:			Date: / /

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MATERNITY BOOKING IN REFERRAL

Online education resources

QHealth has a range of power points, video conferences, knowledge assessments and flowcharts available online which flow from their Maternity and Neonatal Guideline work. GP relevant topics include Obesity, Early Pregnancy Loss, Vaginal Birth after caesarean section (VBAC), Breastfeeding initiation, Neonatal Examination and Neonatal Jaundice

Maternity

- + Analgesia in labour *(New Nov 2017)*
- + Early Pregnancy Loss
- + Early onset Group B Streptococcal disease *(New videoconference)*
- + Gestational diabetes mellitus
- + Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- + Induction of labour
- + Intrapartum fetal surveillance
- + Normal birth *(Updated Nov 2017)*
- + Obesity in pregnancy
- + Perinatal substance use: maternal
- + Perineal care *(Under review)*
- + Preterm labour and birth
- + Primary postpartum haemorrhage *(Under review)*
- + Stillbirth care *(Under review)*
- + Therapeutic termination of pregnancy
- + Trauma in pregnancy
- + Vaginal birth after caesarean section (VBAC)
- + Venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis in pregnancy and the puerperium

Neonatal

- + Assessment - Routine Newborn
- + Breastfeeding - Establishing breastfeeding
- + Hypoglycaemia - Newborn

QCG Maternity

Who is responsible for abnormal results?

The clinician who orders the test is responsible for the follow up and prompt referrals when appropriate

- Although a copy of the result is sent to MMH, it is entered into their system *without* being seen and is only reviewed when the woman comes for an appointment or contacts the hospital for advice
- There are guidelines for consultation and referral and managing abnormal results available in sections 6 (page 8) and 13 (p 27) of the MMH GP Maternity Shared Care [Guideline](#)

Referral process

- Endocrinologists and obstetric medicine specialists work within the Mater Mothers antenatal team
- Separate referral to Mater Specialist Clinics is not required from the GP for women with *pre-existing* medical conditions identified in the antenatal referral. The obstetrician will assess the woman at the first appointment and refer if necessary
- If a woman *develops* a medical condition after referral to antenatal clinic, a new referral (using a standard referral letter, not an antenatal referral) should be faxed to **antenatal clinic (3163 8053)** including a copy of the results

Retinoblastoma

- Retinoblastomas are due to a faulty *RB1* gene
- Researchers estimate that 40 percent of all retinoblastomas are germinal, which means that *RB1* mutations occur in all of the body's cells, including reproductive cells (sperm or eggs) and appears to be inherited in an autosomal dominant pattern
- The other 60 percent of retinoblastomas are non-germinal, which means that *RB1* mutations occur only in the eye and cannot be passed to the next generation
- 2/3 are unilateral
- 1/3 are bilateral
- Diagnosed early, is often treatable
- When germinal, it is often associated with other types of cancer
- These families need genetic counselling and close follow up

Who can you call?

For clinical advice or if a woman requires urgent review:

- Obstetric Registrar: 3163 6611
- Obstetric consultant: 3163 6009
- Obstetric Medicine registrar via switch 3163 8111

The GP Liaison office is open Mon - Fri 0730 - 1600 for general advice and assistance.

- Telephone 07 3163 1861 (you can leave a message) email GPL@mater.org.au or mobile 0466 205 710

The referral pathway

- All women, regardless of their medical or obstetric risk, should to be referred to their local obstetric hospital. A comprehensive referral will allow the hospital staff to triage appropriately and where necessary, the local obstetricians will liaise with or refer women onto MMH
- Should a woman booked with another hospital develop a complication, contact her local obstetric service so that they can make the appropriate arrangements

Immunisation Handbook 10

- By immunising women during pregnancy, the infant benefits from in utero transfer of antibodies
- Pertussis antibodies peak a couple of weeks after immunisation and then fall rapidly, while transplacental antibody transfer is most efficient from 30 weeks onwards
- Immunising women from 28-32 weeks gestation is recommended, however immunising any time in the third trimester is beneficial
- Vaccination of mothers at least 7 days before delivery reduced pertussis disease by 91% in infants <3 months of age

Pertussis issues for baby

What about blunting?

- Studies have shown lower levels of anti-pertussis antibodies at 7 months of age in children born to women vaccinated with dTpa during pregnancy, compared to children of mothers who were not vaccinated. However, when children were given a booster dose of DTPa-containing vaccine at 12–18 months of age, levels of anti-pertussis antibodies 1 month later were similar irrespective of whether the child's mother was vaccinated during pregnancy or not.
- From March 2016, an extra DTPa booster dose has been funded by the Queensland Immunisation Program for children aged 18 months

Pertussis immunisation

- Qld Health is no longer funding Pertussis vaccination for fathers or extended family members/household contacts of newborns
- The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation recommends vaccination **every 10 years** for the following groups:
 - fathers
 - extended family members
 - household contacts
 - medical staff

Serological testing for varicella immunity from infection and/or vaccination

- Screening for varicella immunity (from natural infection) or a past history of vaccination should be undertaken as part of pre-pregnancy planning and varicella vaccine given to non-immune women prior to conception.
- Testing to check for seroconversion after varicella vaccination is *not* recommended. Commercially available laboratory tests are not usually sufficiently sensitive to detect antibody levels following vaccination, which may be up to 10-fold lower than levels induced by natural infection.
- Protection (commensurate with the number of vaccine doses received, see 4.22.4 *Vaccines* above) should be assumed if a child or adult has documented evidence of receipt of age-appropriate dose(s) of a varicella-containing vaccine.

[Reference](#)

Contact details

Maternity Share Care issues?

- GP Liaison Midwife Phone: 3163 1861
- E-mail: GPL@mater.org.au
- Mobile: 0466 205 710

If you are uncertain about the best approach to take in caring for or referring a woman, or if she requires urgent review, phone the on call consultant (3163 6009), registrar (3163 6611) or the GPLM

Contact details

Alignment status, contact details & evaluation enquiries?

- Phone 3163 1967
- Email mscadmin@mater.org.au

Training & RACGP enquiries?

- Mater Marketing
- Phone: 07 3163 1524
- Email: marketing@mater.org.au

Available now!

Online options to realign

- Bridging option (or refresher!) for GPs who complete an Alignment event at an allied hospital (Redland, Logan, Beaudesert, RBWH and Redcliffe/Caboolture, Ipswich and Nambour!)
- VOPP of MFM and infections in pregnancy presentations from Alignment 1 and 2
- Video clips with Dr Treasure McGuire, pharmacologist (go to the Realignment option)

GPs referring to MSHHS?

Online resources including power points with information on local referral pathways are hosted at [Brisbane South PHN](#)

GPs referring to MNHHS?

- **Contact information for the MNHHS Alignment:**
Brigid Wheaton Program Coordinator Metro North
Maternity GP Alignment Program

Phone: (07) 3646 4421

Email: mngpalign@health.qld.gov.au

Online resources are currently being hosted at
[Brisbane North PHN](#)

Item numbers for MSC

16500 Rebate \$40.10 (\$47.15) Antenatal Attendance

16591 Rebate \$121.30 (\$142.65)

Planning and management, by a practitioner, of a pregnancy if:

(a) the pregnancy has progressed beyond 28 weeks gestation; and

*(b) the service includes a **mental health assessment (including screening for drug and alcohol use and domestic violence)** of the patient; and*

(c) a service to which item 16590 applies is not provided in relation to the same pregnancy*

Payable once only for a pregnancy

*16590 = planning to undertake the delivery for a privately admitted patient

Postnatal item numbers

Postnatal
consultation

New
item

(16407)

A new item will be introduced for a postnatal attendance lasting at least 20 minutes between 4 and 8 weeks after birth. The item will also include a requirement for a mental health assessment of the patient to be performed, including screening for drug and alcohol use and domestic violence. This item can only be claimed once per pregnancy.

Fee: \$71.70 Benefit:
75%=\$53.80 85%=\$60.95

Postnatal
home visit

New
item

(16408)

A consultation at the patient's home between 1 and 4 weeks after birth, by an obstetrician, GP or registered midwife (if midwife, it will be on behalf of, and under the supervision of the medical practitioner who attended the birth).

This item can only be claimed once per pregnancy.

Fee: \$53.40 Benefit:
85%=\$45.40

Funding options for antenatal appointments bulk billed under Medicare assuming a 10 min appointment schedule

Visits/hr	Item numbers	Medicare Rebate	Hourly income (gross)
6	23 x 6	\$37.05 x 6	\$222.30
6	23 x 5, 16500 x 1	\$37.05 x 5, \$40.10 x 1	\$225.35
5	23 x 3, 16500 x 2	\$37.05 x 3, \$40.10 x 2	\$191.35
5	23 x 4, 36 x 1	\$37.05 x 4, \$71.70 x 1	\$219.90
4	23 x 3, 36 x 1	\$37.05 x 3, \$71.70 x 1	\$182.85
4	23 x 3, 16591	\$37.05 x 3, \$121.30 x 1	\$232.45
3	23 x 2, 16591	\$37.05 x 2, \$121.30 x 1	\$195.40
3	36 x 3	\$71.70 x 3	\$215.10



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