

Mater Mothers Hospital Alignment 2

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Welcome to Country



MMH Alignment 2, June 2023

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- Our midwifery colleagues

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

Housekeeping

This is an opportunity to reinforce your learning and utilise the expertise of our subject matter experts. We invite you to ask questions in all sessions. Some questions may need to be taken on notice and answered at a later time.

- Have you watched the pre-course resources?
 - If not, do catch up – they are very informative
- Please make sure your phones are on silent



Session 1

Preconception & Fertility

Time	Task	Who
8:00 am	Welcome, housekeeping, learning objectives	Dr Maggie Robin
8:15 am	Preconception planning	Dr Huda Safa
8:35 am	Fertility	Dr Huda Safa
8:55 am	Small group case work on Fertility & Preconception Full group discussion & reflections	Dr Huda Safa Dr Maggie Robin All
10:10 am	Neonatal Examination	Video
10:20 am	Group reflections, Q & A	All
10:30 am	Morning tea	All

Session two

Case scenario discussions

Time	Task	Who
11:00 am	Diabetes in Pregnancy	Dr Vishwas Raghunath
11:20 am	Persistent pelvic pain	Dr Travis Rule
11:45 am	Preterm labour and PPRM	Dr Maggie Robin
12:00 pm	Postnatal small group case work Full group discussion, reflections	All
12:30 pm	Infections in pregnancy, Ectopic pregnancy	Dr Huda Safa
12:50 pm	Updates & summary	Dr Maggie Robin
1:00 pm	Close	

Alignments 1 and 3

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 3 content

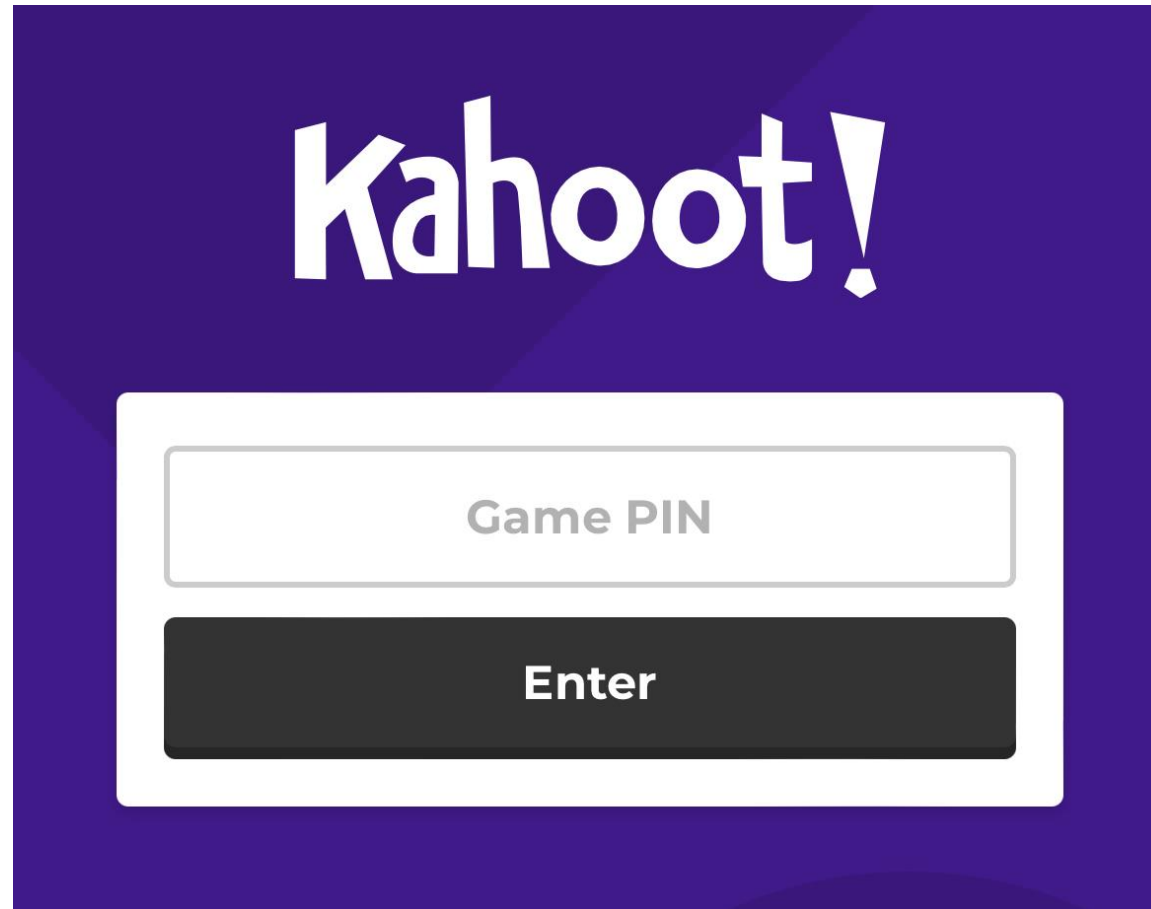
- Perinatal mental health, obstetric complications and medical conditions in pregnancy

This presentation is available online, as are AM1 and AM3

It will be updated as required, so may vary in appearance from the power point you viewed when you attended the alignment program.

From www.materonline.org.au go to **Shared Care Alignment**, find *program resources* and look for [Alignment 2](#) (please note we run three programs, Alignment 1, 2 ,3 and expect to launch Alignment 4 in 2024)

Kahoot! Practice



Online resources

[Mater Guideline](#)

[Mater Brochures](#)

[National pregnancy care guidelines](#)

[RANZCOG education resources](#)

[Queensland Clinical Guidelines](#)

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Online mental health resources

[Beyond Blue](#)

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GP Maternity Shared Care Guideline

This is a 62 page summary of essential principles underlying GP maternity shared care.

GP Maternity Shared Care Guideline

July 2022



Introducing Dr Huda Safa

- A highly experienced, passionate, and caring Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
- Trained at Mater Mothers', Gold Coast, Toowoomba and QEII Hospitals, FRANZCOG 2013
- Consults on gynaecological concerns: period problems, pelvic pain, Pap smear disorders, fibroids and prolapse
- Minor and major gynaecological procedures, including total laparoscopic hysterectomy
- Actively involved in medical education
- **Bloom Women's Health, 201 Wickham Tce, Spring Hill;** operating sessions at Spring Hill Specialist Day Hospital and Mater Private Hospital, South Brisbane



Preconception Care

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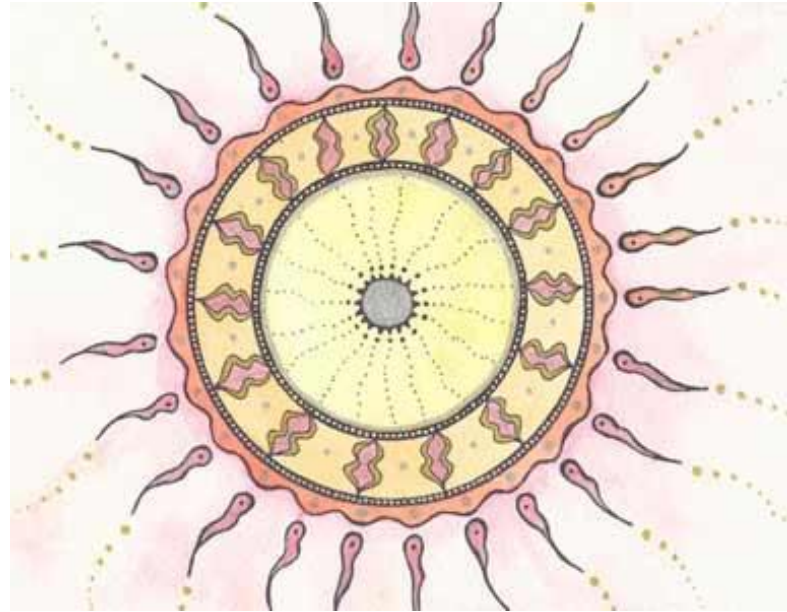
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Preconception Care



Preconception Counselling



A mindful approach to preparing for and starting a family.

By intentionally preparing your physical body and opening yourself, heart and soul, you “give birth” to yourself as a mother.



Does it work?

- There is a lack of research and evidence except for some specific areas



Does it work?



European Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology
and Reproductive Biology 84 (1999) 43–49



Original Article

Ten years of experience in periconceptional care

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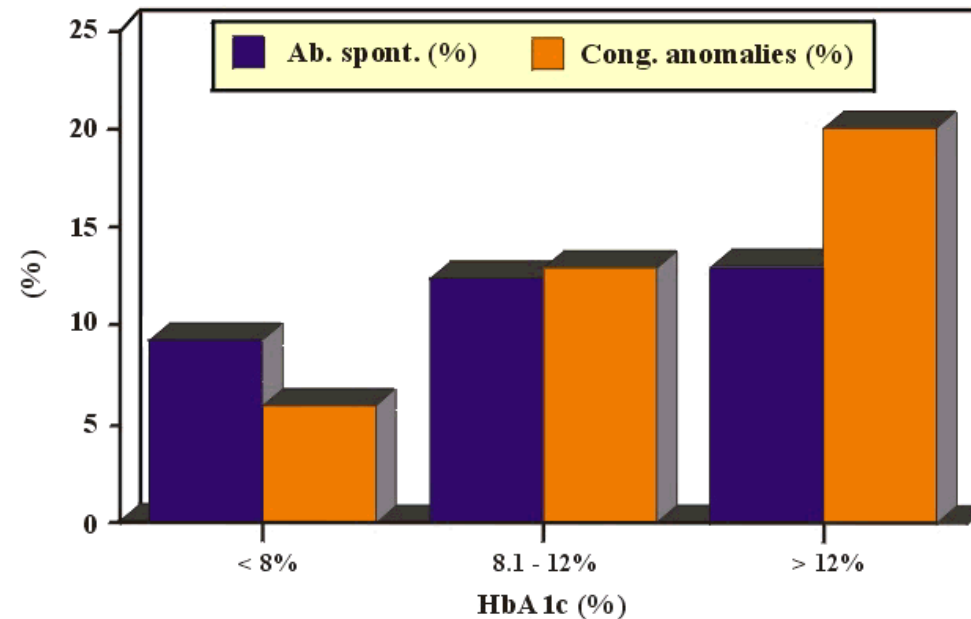
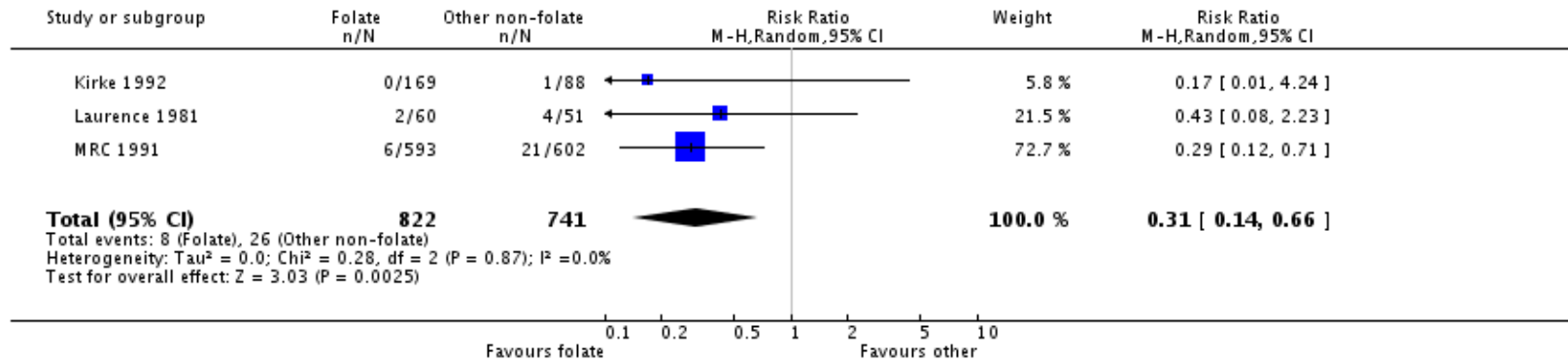
- Infertile couples identified & treated sooner
- Earlier access to STI screening and genetic counselling
- Smoking cessation & ↑ infant birthweight
- ↓congenital abnormalities



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Preconception Care-EBP

Review: Periconceptional supplementation with folate and/or multivitamins for preventing neural tube defects
Comparison: 3 Folate prevention of recurrent neural tube defects
Outcome: 1 Neural tube defect



BY-SA

What are we trying to do?

- Identify risks and act to minimise them
- Optimise health
- Educate



Do women and health professionals value preconception care?

YES!!!

Pregnancy Planning and Pre-Conception Counseling

Preconception care Practice and beliefs of primary care workers Tom Heyes, Sarah Long and Nigel Mathers

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Preconception care: who needs it, who wants it, and how should it be provided?

MARK WALLACE
BRIAN HURWITZ

SUMMARY
Background. Preconception care (PC) aims to identify and reduce a number of modifiable factors that can adversely affect pregnancy outcome.
Aim. To ascertain both knowledge of and attitudes towards PC among members of primary health care teams (PHCTs) and registered women of childbearing age in a representative sample of general practices in Harrow.
Method. A questionnaire survey was conducted in a randomly selected group of nine general practices in the London borough of Harrow. Subjects included all relevant health professionals and female patients of childbearing age registered with the practices.
Results. A total of 62/88 (70.5%) health professionals completed the questionnaire. Nurses' knowledge matched that of the doctors, except in the area of genetics. Over 85% of all health professionals believed that PC could be of benefit to both mother and baby. Women were generally well informed; Asian women, those born outside the UK, those who had never been pregnant, and those who had not undertaken education beyond the age of 18 years were significantly less well informed. Health professionals considered PC to be best delivered opportunistically by nurses, and this method appeared to be acceptable to most female patients of childbearing age, although it was significantly less acceptable among Asians.
Conclusion. Among health professionals and women of childbearing age, there is generally a good level of knowledge of PC, although certain groups are less well informed than others and could benefit from a targeted education approach. Widespread agreement that PC is worthwhile was found among PHCT members, but this view is less strongly held by the female public, with the acceptability of providing PC opportunistically differing significantly between ethnic groups.

Keywords: preconception care; primary health care team; questionnaire survey.

Conclusion. Women are interested in GP-initiated PC and need to be offered by GPs, on pregnancy outcome and the health of the child. A trial to assess these effects currently is being conducted at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Leiden.

Keywords. General practice, pre-conception care, pregnancy.

Original papers

important factors in preconceptional health, including diet, smoking, alcohol, drugs, rubella, and genetic disorders, each of which can adversely affect pregnancy outcome.^{2,6}
The aim of preconception care (PC) is to ensure that women are 'in an optimal state of physical and emotional health at the given point of pregnancy'.⁷ In the United States (US), PC has been given prominence by being included in the 'National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for the year 2000',⁸ the equivalent of our *Health of the Nation* document.⁹ In the United Kingdom (UK), despite the existence of a few dedicated hospital PC clinics serving the needs of high-risk couples, there has been little concerted development of PC services in primary care.

A concern sometimes voiced is that PC fails to serve many couples, as one third of pregnancies are unplanned.¹⁰ Nevertheless, focusing PC upon the remaining two thirds who generally plan a pregnancy could have substantial health benefits.

Improving the outcome of pregnancy through PC comprises two component actions. The first is to impart relevant information to women who may become pregnant and to their partners, thereby improving knowledge. The second is to modify individual behaviour based on the knowledge so gained. This study addresses the first issue: assessment of knowledge among both women and health professionals. It also seeks to gauge the attitude of the two groups towards PC.

Method

All 42 general practices in the borough of Harrow in north-west London were stratified according to the number of partners (1, 2, 3 or 4, and ≥ 5), fundholding, and training status. Deprivation was not a relevant stratifying parameter as no practices in Harrow qualify for deprivation payments. After stratification, nine representative practices were selected randomly using random number tables. One (single-handed) practice of those selected refused to participate and was replaced by another randomly selected practice from the same stratification group. All principals in the nine selected practices were sent a letter outlining the study.

Two different, self-completed, anonymized questionnaires were compiled, one for use by female patients (questionnaire 1) and the other for use by health professionals (questionnaire 2).

Keywords. Preconception care, pregnancy, preventive care, primary care.

yes T, Long S and Mathers N. Preconception care. Practice and beliefs of primary care workers. *Family Practice* 2004; 21: 22-27.
Background. A number of lifestyle modifications and medical interventions can be of benefit to maternal and neonatal health, when applied prior to conception. These include smoking cessation, folic acid, cessation or moderation of alcohol intake and improvement of blood pressure control. However, preconception care (PCC) is not widely practised in the UK, despite its apparent acceptability to health professionals and to women of childbearing age.
Aims. The aims of the study were to describe the current practice of PCC in Barnsley and to assess the beliefs and attitudes of primary health care practitioners. This information would be used to inform appropriate educational and clinical governance intervention to this service in the light of other evidence about the effectiveness of PCC.

A questionnaire was devised to explore the beliefs about, and practice in providing, PCC in the Barnsley Health Authority area and sent to all known GPs, practice nurses (Ns), health visitors (HVs) and midwives (MWs) in practices in the area in July 2000. 163 completed questionnaires were received (one reminder, response rate 60.1%).
Few practices had a written policy on PCC. Most respondents were providing it mainly on an ad hoc basis and had done so less than five times in the previous 3 months; GPs were most commonly involved. They agreed that advice about smoking, drug use, folic acid, counselling, chronic disease, alcohol, and maternity care and screening for rubella, hepatitis, human immunodeficiency virus and cervical cytology were important. They felt that advice about diet, exercise, supplements, food safety, occupational health and safety, and screening for nutritional status were less important. Although they felt that PCC was effective, and important to women of childbearing age, it was not always practised in their workload. They indicated that this care was best provided in general practice, and that they had the appropriate skills. Barriers to providing PCC included lack of contact with women planning to conceive. Few had received any training in PCC.

The practitioners who responded to this survey agreed to a large extent about the importance of PCC, and about the content and effectiveness of PCC. Factors hindering the provision of PCC include resource constraints, lack of training and practice policies and difficulties in targeting couples planning conception. Further research is needed to increase the provision and uptake of PCC.

Preconception counseling has been advocated as an important way to improve pregnancy outcomes.^{1,2} Although the National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for the year 2000,³ the aim of preconception counseling has not been described. Pre-conception counseling consists of diverse activities, all of which aim at modifying risks or behaviors of women who could avail themselves of preconception counseling. However, in this report we defined preconception counseling as a health care intervention that occurs shortly before a couple attempts to conceive. Thus, we assumed that to obtain the maximum benefit from preconception counseling, a woman must plan her pregnancy. Using data from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), we estimated the proportion of new mothers who planned their pregnancy and had one or more indications for preconception counseling on four topics generally influencing pregnancy outcome: smoking, alcohol, inadequate weight, and delayed prenatal care.^{1,4,5}

Methods

We have successfully competed for funding, conducted retrospective, population-based surveillance of maternal behaviors during her pregnancy.



Who should we offer it to?

- Likely benefits for both high and low risk women
- Highly valued by patients
- Consider as part of your regular health check-ups
- ? at time of cervical screening test (more challenging now that this is 5 yearly)



Aspects of Preconception Care

- Review of medical and family histories
- Detecting, treating and preventing infections
- Addressing lifestyle factors, nutrition and environmental exposures



Review of medical & family history

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Epilepsy
- Thyroid
- Thrombophilia
- Mental illness
- Cardiac disease
- Autoimmune disorders



Review of medical & family history

- Medication review
- Ethnic origin
- Family history
 - NTDs
 - CF
 - Fragile X
 - Tay-Sachs
 - Thalassaemia
 - Sickle cell
 - PKU
- Consanguinity



Personal Obstetric History

- What happened in previous pregnancies?
- What can we do to prepare?
 - GDM
 - Hypertension
 - IUGR
 - Labour and Delivery story



Diagnose, Treat & Prevent infections

- Chlamydia - high risk women
- Rubella
- CMV - high risk women
- HBV
- HIV
- Syphilis



Diagnose, Treat & Prevent infections

- Avoid feeding raw/undercooked meats to pets, avoid cat faeces/litter, wear gloves when gardening
- Hygiene
- Care with urine, saliva, nappies of young children
- Screen STIs
- Vaccinations
 - VZV
 - Pertussis
 - Rubella
 - Influenza
 - COVID-19



Lifestyle factors, nutrition & environmental exposures

- Avoid alcohol
- Quit smoking & vaping, avoid passive smoking
- Avoid cannabis
- Limit caffeine intake
- Review exposures to toxins in household, workplace or at recreational activity



Folic Acid

- 0.5mg daily -1/52 before conception and continuing at least until 12/40
- 5mg if at increased risk
 - Anticonvulsant use
 - Pre-pregnancy DM
 - Previous child or family Hx of NTD
 - BMI >30



Iodine

- Australia is classified by WHO as a mildly iodine deficient nation
- NHMRC recommends dietary supplementation of 150mcg of iodine prior to or as soon as possible after finding out they are pregnant and continuing through pregnancy and lactation



B12

- Vegetarians and Vegans should be supplemented during pregnancy and lactation
- RDI – 6mcg/day



Vitamin D

- Do not test vit D levels in pregnancy as part of routine pregnancy screening, regardless of maternal risk factors.
- Do not re-test vit D in pregnancy, irrespective of previous level.
- Advise all pregnant women, irrespective of their skin pigment and/or sun exposure ,to take 400IU of vit D daily during pregnancy as part of a multivitamin supplement.

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Other Vitamins

- No evidence to support routine supplementation
- Vit A – harmful
- Vit C and E – of no benefit



Iron

- Increased demands during pregnancy
- Discontinuing iron-containing multivitamins for the period that women have symptoms of nausea and vomiting may improve symptoms
- Routine supplementation not recommended but have a low threshold for suspecting and supplementing
 - Vegetarians
 - Multiple pregnancy



Calcium

- Cochrane suggests benefit of calcium supplementation in reducing incidence of hypertensive disorders and preterm labour
- Benefit greater in those with low baseline calcium intake
- Intake should be 1300mcg/day
- If starting supplement – 1000mcg daily



Other minerals

- No evidence to support routine supplementation with Mg, Fl, Zn or rare minerals
- No evidence to support use of other nutritional supplements – (eg. Omega 3 fatty acids etc.)





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Exercise and Weight

- Moderate intensity aerobic exercise (swimming, running, aerobics, cycling) has no negative effect on mother or baby in a normal healthy pregnancy
- No association with miscarriage, congenital malformations, ectopic, PPRM, placental insufficiency, IUGR or IUFD (multiple studies!!)



Exercise and Weight

- One study has actually shown that physically fit people who ran or did aerobics during their pregnancy had fewer medical interventions during labour
- Fewer studies on weight training but no adverse findings with light to moderate weight training (free weights or machines) and some suggestion of benefit at reducing low back discomfort (due to increased core strength)



Addressing lifestyle factors, nutrition and environmental exposures

Avoid

- soft cheeses
- Un-pasteurised milk
- Pate
- raw eggs
- hot dogs
- deli meats
- undercooked meats
- reheated left-overs

Aim for normal BMI through regular exercise and balanced nutritious diet

Avoid predatory fish

Wash fruit and vegetables



CASE STUDY



Introducing Jane

- Jane is a 24yo receptionist who presents for a discussion about contraception
- She has never been pregnant and has been a patient of your practice on and off for a number of years although her last visit was 3 years ago when she presented with a sinus infection
- She tells you that she has recently moved in with her boyfriend of 18 months. She thinks that she and her partner might consider starting trying for a baby in the next year or so but are not ready just yet to have a baby
- While they have been using condoms for contraception, they have occasionally had unprotected sex



What would you consider?

- General issues?
- What to discuss?
- Anything to arrange?



Preconception & Fertility Services at Mater Mothers' Hospitals



- **Preconception Care Service**

- Assists individuals and couples who are planning a pregnancy, to optimise their own health so they may have a healthy pregnancy
- Both men and women undergo a thorough assessment of their health and lifestyle and are given information on ways to improve their health prior to conceiving
- They consult with an Obstetrician/Gynaecologist to address specific health conditions that might affect a pregnancy
- The consultation and some of the investigations performed through Mater Health Services are bulk-billed.



Preconception & Fertility Services at Mater Mothers' Hospitals

- **The Fertility Assessment and Research Clinic (FAR Clinic)**

- Follows on from the Preconception Care Service
- Offers specialised care to couples experiencing subfertility and/or recurrent miscarriages and aims to provide couples with information, and to improve their combined fertility.
- Specialised medical and surgical care is provided
- The consultation and some of the investigations performed through Mater Health Services are bulk-billed.
- There is a service fee, if progressing into this service from the Preconception Care Service
- Clients will receive: formal instruction in the fertility awareness method, the Sympto-Thermal Method (STM), fertility focused investigations, medical and surgical management.



Preconception & Fertility Services at Mater Mothers' Hospitals



- The Mater Mothers' Hospital does not offer ART or IVF services
- The Fertility Assessment and Research Clinic has a particular interest in investigating the value of other therapies to assist couples to conceive an interest in a restorative approach and the value of other therapies to assist couples to conceive.
- The Mater Fertility Service has no catchment restrictions, however catchment restrictions do apply to ongoing maternity care.
- An individual referral is required for both partners to the Natural Fertility Service Address to Dr Sarah Janssens and fax to the Referral Management Centre(RMC) Fax 07 3163 8548
- If you wish to contact Mater Natural Fertility Services phone: 07 3163 8437



Study

- Compare outcomes of pregnancies
 - women who have had a pre-conception consultation VS
 - women who did not
- 8 GOALS OF PERICONCEPTION HEALTH

1. FOLIC ACID	5. OPTIMIZE MEDICAL CONDITION
2. WEIGHT MANAGEMENT	6. GENETIC SCREENING AND COUNSELING
3. VACCINATION (RUB, VZV,HBV, FLU)	7. REPRODUCTIVE RISK ASSESSMENT
4. CEASE SMOKING, ALCOHOL, DRUGS	8. PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTION



Preconception care at Mater

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 2014; 54: 510–514

Background: To date, there is a lack of evidence to suggest that a systematic and coordinated approach to prepregnancy care might make a difference.

Aims: To evaluate whether women who receive preconception care through a structured approach will be more likely to be healthy around the time of conception compared with women who plan their pregnancy but have not been exposed to preconception care.

Methods: A case control study was undertaken of women who attended the preconception care service and subsequently conceived, received maternity care and gave birth at Mater Health Services Brisbane between January 2010 and January 2013. Pregnancy information and birth outcomes for each woman who attended the service were matched with those of three women who reported that they had planned their pregnancy but did not attend the service. Records were matched for prepregnancy BMI, age, parity, prepregnancy smoking status and number of health conditions.

Results: Pregnant women who attended preconception care were more likely to have received adequate periconceptual *folate*, to report being *vaccinated* against influenza and hepatitis B, to have *consulted* with a specialist with the specific aim of optimising a pre-existing health condition and to report *less weight gain* up until booking. *Preterm birth and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy were less common* amongst women who had attended preconception care, and there were trends towards a decreased incidence of gestational diabetes, LGA and fetal anomalies.

Conclusion: These preliminary data provide some optimism that a comprehensive preconception care service may positively influence maternal and neonatal outcomes.



But Huda, I only have 15 minutes...!

Covering the basics:

- Cervical Screening Test if due
 - Thyroid examination
 - Breast examination if indicated
 - Cardiac auscultation
 - Antenatal screen
 - FBC, iron studies, Blood group/Ab, Rubella/Syphilis/Hep B/Hep C/HIV +/- VZV
 - Further bloods and imaging as determined by history
- Review appointment to discuss results and provide
- Nutrition advice
 - Alcohol, smoking, other substance cessation advice



Folate

- Folate, Folate, Folate, Folate, Folate,
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- Folate, Folate, Folate, Folate, Folate,
- 0.5 mg Vs 5 mg Folate, Folate, Folate
- Iodine, Calcium and Vit D



A quick word on preterm birth prevention... **mater** mothers' hospital

The key strategies to prevent preterm birth

More than 26,000 Australian babies are born too soon each year.

New research discoveries have led to the development of key strategies to safely lower the rate of preterm birth and are continuing to make pregnancies safer for women and their babies.



1

No pregnancy to be ended until at least 39 weeks unless there is obstetric or medical justification.



2

Measurement of the length of the cervix at all mid-pregnancy scans.



3

Use of natural vaginal progesterone (200mg each evening) if the length of cervix is less than 25mm.



4

If the length of the cervix continues to shorten despite progesterone treatment, consider surgical cerclage.



5

Use of vaginal progesterone if you have a prior history of spontaneous preterm birth.



6

Women who smoke should be identified and offered Quitline support.



7

To access continuity of care from a known midwife during pregnancy where possible.



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ALLIANCE

These strategies have been approved and endorsed by the Australian Preterm Birth Prevention Alliance.



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#letstalktiming

www.everyweekcounts.com.au

www.womenandbabiesresearch.com

The Fetus-at-risk approach for calculating rate of stillbirth takes into account all fetuses in utero (yet to be born) at a given gestational age, in addition to those born in that week. For example, fetuses at risk of stillbirth at 35 weeks include babies born at 35 weeks as well as those yet to be born in subsequent weeks. As the pool of women remaining pregnant becomes smaller each week, the weekly rate of stillbirth increases, (as this is the number of stillbirths divided by a decreasing number of fetuses yet to be born and therefore at risk).⁵



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EVERY WEEK COUNTS TOWARDS THE END OF PREGNANCY

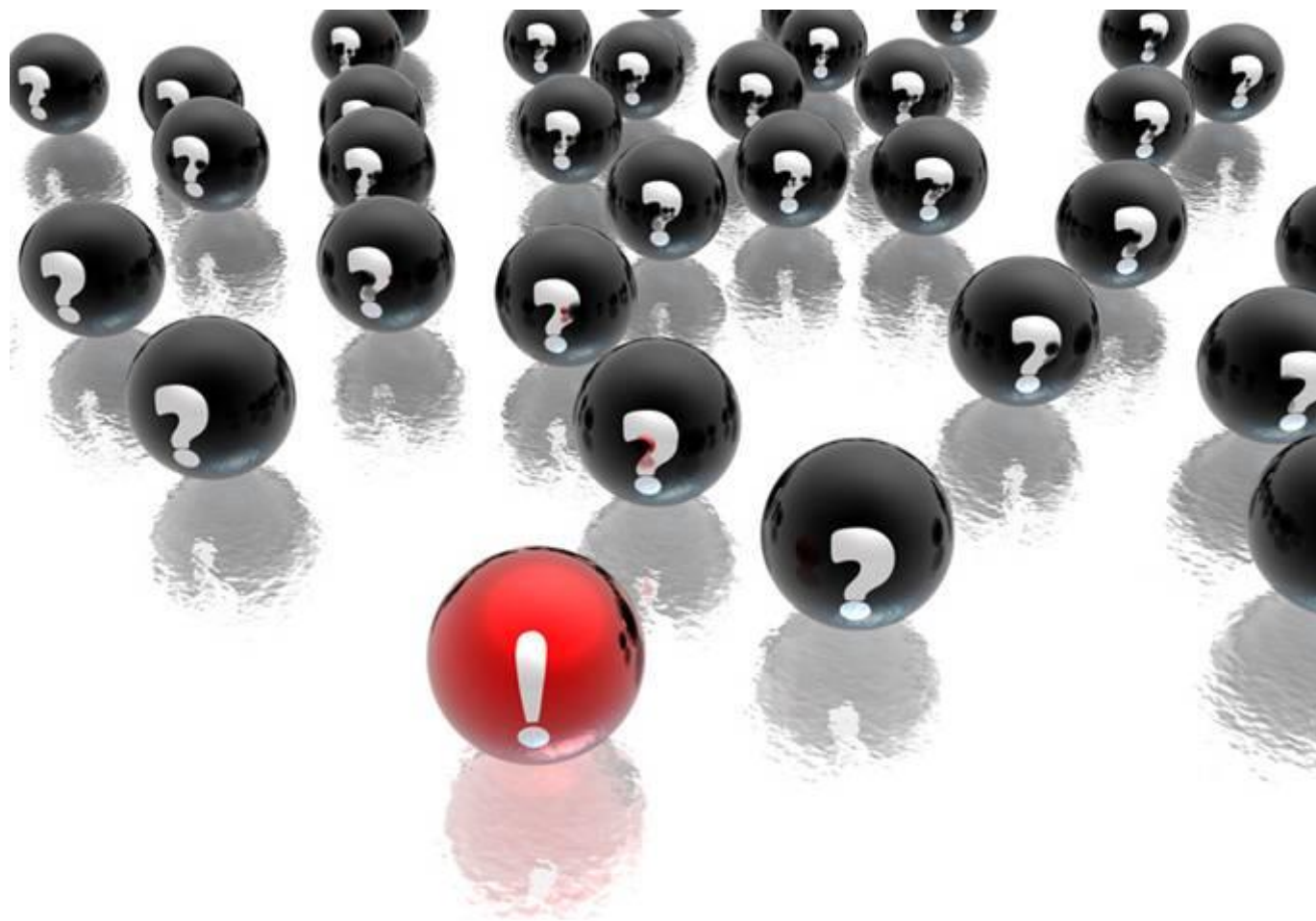


Every week that a baby is born close to 40 weeks decreases their risk of morbidity¹ and having to spend time in intensive care

Early (at <39 weeks) planned birth is associated with an increased risk of learning difficulties at school entry³

Stillbirth rate remains <1 per 1000 ongoing pregnancies up to 40 weeks, rising to >1 at 41 weeks and beyond²





Fertility

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Infertility—the GP workup

- 15% of couples are affected by subfertility or infertility
- 25-35 years old- 20% per cycle pregnancy rate;
-85-90% are pregnant <12 months
- Medical evaluation goals for the subfertile/infertile couple are to
 - Find a cause
 - Provide a realistic prognosis
 - Provide options for treatment



Infertility—the GP workup

- GP role involves
 - Educating in normal reproductive physiology
 - Initial assessment and work-up
 - Referral if/when appropriate



Infertility/Subfertility

Female factors	Male factors
Age	Smoking (including cannabis)
PCOS	Drugs (e.g. anabolic steroids)
Obesity (BMI >25, 3 x risk)	Varicocoele
PID	Heat
Endocrine/Auto-immune	Insecticides, CHC
Endometriosis	Y chromosome deletions
Medications/smoking	Structural defects
Ovarian failure	Endocrine
Structural defect/fibroids	



Female History

Primary/Secondary (GPMET*), duration, contraception

Cycle – menarche, LNMP, regularity, dysmenorrhoea, menorrhagia, intermenstrual bleeding, midcycle – pain/mucus, premenstrual syndrome

Sexual – activity, dyspareunia, post coital bleeding

Gynae History – CST, STD, Breast Examination (opportunistic health screening)

Infectious Hx – Rubella, VZV, Hep B,C,HIV, PID, Syphilis

PMHx, PSHx, Treatments, Other, Allergies

Preconception care issues as per previous slides

*Gravidity, Parity, Miscarriages, Ectopics, Terminations



Female Examination

- Ht, Wt, BMI, BP, HR, Waist circumference (ideal<80 cm)
- Weight change
- Endocrine – thyroid, PCOS (acne, hirsutism), galactorrhoea
- Cardiorespiratory
- Abdominal (surgical scars)
- Speculum – Cervix/CST, +/- VE



Female Investigations

- Mid-luteal Progesterone (Day 21)
- AN Screen – FBC, blood group/Ab, Serology – Rubella, VZV
- Baseline (Day 3) –
 - LH/FSH (during/after menstruation) or AMH
 - Thyroid
 - Pituitary, Drugs – Prolactin
 - PCOS - SHBG, Androgen profile, ?OGTT/Lipids
- Tubal patency (Day 5-10) – HSG (Hysterosalpingogram, X-ray + dye ~ \$346 cost, rebate ~\$100), sonohysterogram (USS + saline ~\$1220, rebate ~ \$600, Pelvic USS included)
- Pelvic USS (Day 5-10) – ovaries, structural lesions, ? fibroids



- Thought to be a measure of ovarian reserve
- May be elevated in women with PCOS
- Needs to be interpreted with care – the levels fall progressively with age and the use of an AMH nomogram will assist with understanding the value of a reading in an individual woman

Low AMH

- Assay errors
- Reduced ovarian reserve
 - Idiopathic
 - Genetic
 - Ovarian pathology
 - Endometriosis
- Reduced follicular recruitment
 - Stress
 - Hypogonadotropic hypogonadism



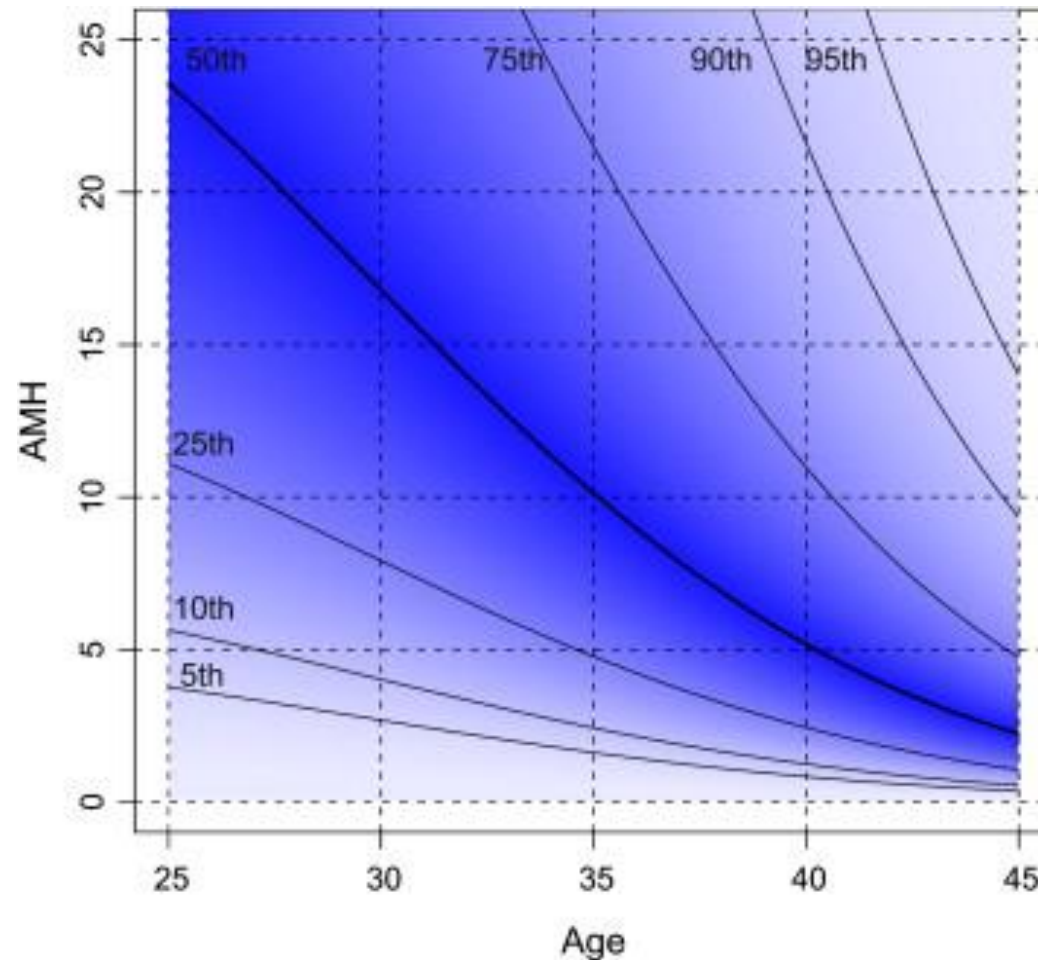
Conclusion

- The AMH is affected by a number of factors
- The assay
 - Limited reproducibility
 - Limited validity
 - Poor predictive capacity for menstrual function, menopause, fertility
- AMH \neq fertility
 - AMH is an endocrine assay



AMH Nomogram

www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0015028210024106



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Male History

- Primary/Secondary, duration
- Sexual – activity, dysfunction
- Male Hx – STI, testicular injury, epididymo-orchitis
- Infectious Hx – Hep B,C,HIV
- PMHx, PSHx, Treatments, Other, Allergies
- Diet, Lifestyle, Smoking, Supplements



Male Examination

- Ht, Wt, BMI, BP, HR, Waist circumference (ideal < 90 cm)
- Cardiorespiratory
- Stature, body habitus
- Surgical scars – abdominal/inguinal/testicular
- Size – testes, epididymis, spermatic cord, hernia, penis



Male Investigations

- Semen analysis using updated (2021) WHO Classification (>1.4ml, >16M/ml, 42% motility AND 4% normal morphology)
- If needed
 - FSH, LH, Testosterone
 - Consider Karyotype



Summary

- Infertility – sterility/subfertility, primary/secondary
- One year regular unprotected intercourse, unless clinical indications of underlying pathology, e.g. menstrual irregularity, significant pelvic symptoms, scrotal injury/surgery, advanced maternal age > 38.
- Couples should initially have 3 sets of tests: **semen analysis**, **bloods** and **imaging** of the pelvis to assess ovaries, uterus and tubal patency (Pelvic USS + SHG or USS + HSG)
- Treatment
 - cause-based (diagnosis/treatment)
 - Symptomatic (IVF overcomes most obstacles and has best pregnancy rate)



Preconception Care and Fertility Small Group Work

4 groups

15 mins

Consider the cues

- Hypothesise re the specific issues that may unfold
- How might you address these?
- Please appoint a spokesperson for each group



Case 1: Lisa

- Lisa is a 28yo accountant who presents for cervical screening.
- She is a longstanding patient of your practice.
- Her BMI is 37 and she has polycystic ovarian syndrome. She had blood tests last year which showed impaired glucose tolerance, and she has been working with a dietician and exercise physiologist for this.
- Her menstrual cycles range from 28 to 42 days in length.
- She has never been pregnant and is currently single, but has recently met Dean, who she hopes is the man of her dreams.
- During your consultation she brings up that she is keen to have children and is worried about "time running out".



Case 1 continued: Lisa

- Lisa returns five years later for her next CST. She's now 33.
- She and Dean feel they are ready to start a family.
- Lisa's BMI is now 42. Last year, she was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes mellitus and was commenced on metformin.

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What do you advise her?



Case 2: Melissa

- Melissa is a 42yo G3P2M1. Her children are 20 and 18, both spontaneous vaginal births. She and their father are amicably divorced.
- Melissa is now single and the regional manager of a retail company, travelling widely within Australia for work. She has an occasional sexual relationship with Tim, a fellow regional manager, when they're in the same town ("we have fun together, that's all").
- Her father was recently hospitalised with a myocardial infarct at the age of 64 and she has decided to see you for a check up.
- Her blood pressure and BMI have always been normal. She smokes 5 cigarettes / day (recently recommenced after 10 years abstinence, due to work stress). She stopped her OCP two years ago after reading on a blog that it carried a risk of blood clots.
- She "usually" uses condoms but considers that at her age she is unlikely to fall pregnant.



Case 3: Jessica

- Jessica is a 29 yo research scientist, and has never been pregnant. She presents for preconception advice, having had her Implanon removed 3 months ago. She and her partner of four years Peter are hoping to have a baby.
- She has been tracking her cycles using the Clu App and the Fertility Friend website, and is wondering if she should purchase an ovulation kit.
- Jess has a history of a severe depressive episode for which she was briefly hospitalised at age 17. She took an SSRI for several years but then ceased and no longer sees her psychiatrist or psychologist. There is a family history of Type 2 diabetes, coeliac disease and bipolar disorder.



Case 3 continued: Jessica

- Jess presents 14 months later, having not yet become pregnant.
- She has been meticulously documenting her cycles, something which has caused her some anxiety, and been a trigger for some relationship stress between herself and Peter.
- She would like a referral to a fertility specialist. She has been researching fertility treatment however, and is concerned that the medications involved in fertility treatment could affect her mental health.

What do you advise her?



Case 4: Amina

- Amina is a 22 yo veiled woman from Somalia who speaks very little English. She presents accompanied by her husband Ahmed, who translates for her. He is a FIFO worker.
- Amina and Ahmed were married 2 months ago, and are keen to have a baby. They present requesting advice, but appear quite shy.
- Amina's last bloods on record from 6 months ago show a Hb of 95, with low MCV and follow-up testing confirmed thalassaemia trait.



Case 4 continued: Amina

- It is now 13 months later and Amina & Ahmed see you following their third miscarriage.
- Amina avoids eye contact and says nothing during the consultation.
- What do you advise them?



Communicating

- Be culturally sensitive
- An on-site interpreter is preferred
- TIS Ph. 13 14 50
- Communicate clearly
- Traditional beliefs?
- Refugees usually have full Medicare access
- Asylum Seekers generally have limited health and financial support. Asylum seekers can access free care via the Mater Refugee Complex Care Clinic.
- Think about the price of medication as Asylum Seekers can't access the PBS



Neonatal Examination

Dr David Cartwright

Morning tea break

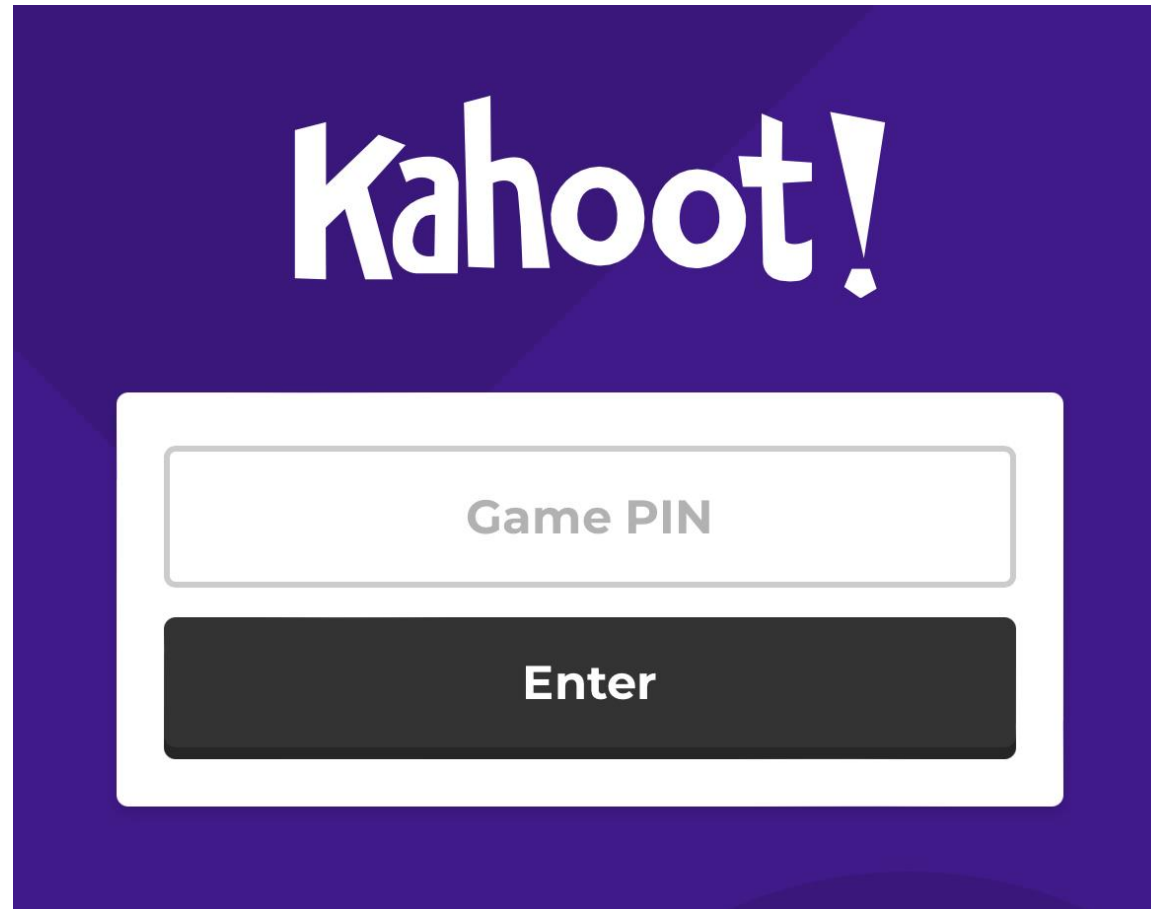


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Diabetes in Pregnancy

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Mater Hospital Persistent Pelvic Pain Clinic (PPP Clinic) – Dr Travis Rule

Dr Emma Paterson (Staff Specialist O+G)

Dr Jayne Berryman (Specialist Pain Medicine Physician/Anaesthetist)

Kristen Ruhmann (Women's health physiotherapist)

Elizabeth Keays (Psychologist)

Dr Travis Rule (Laparoscopic Fellow)

Persistent Pelvic Pain:

Definition:

- “persistent pain”: lasting for $\geq 3/12$
- “Pelvic Pain” – abdominal pain occurring below the level of the umbilicus → may or may not be associated with menses
- Encompasses many conditions: endometriosis, adenomyosis, painful bladder syndrome, pudendal neuralgia, IBS, PID, vulvodynia, adhesions, ovarian cyst pathology, dysmenorrhea, post surgical neuralgia, neuropathic pain.....



Pain:

IASP definition:

- An unpleasant sensory *AND* emotional experience associated with actual or *potential* tissue damage
- Pain: subjective experience
→ Different for each Pt



What about pelvic pain specifically?



Impacts on:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Mood
- Relationships
- Sex life
- School/ work
- Sleep
- Embarrassed to discuss
- Little empathy → often judged by others to be malingering



Persistent pelvic pain...

Primary indication for:

- 20% Gynaecology OPD referrals
- 40% diagnostic laparoscopies
- 12% hysterectomies

Patients with PPP:

- Use 3x more medications
- Have 4x more gynaecological surgeries
- Are 5x more likely to have a hysterectomy



What is central sensitisation?

Increased excitability of nociceptive system:

- Reduction in pain threshold (allodynia)
- Increased response to painful stimuli (hyperalgesia)
- Increased duration of pain after nociceptor stimulation

Self sustaining pain

- No generator required

Greater anti-nociception is needed

- Endorphins and other analgesics are less effective



What is central sensitisation?

- Viscerovisceral and viscerosomatic convergence and/or cross talk lead to multiple diagnoses
- Exacerbated by low mood/anxiety, sleep disorder, hypervigilance

What are the signs of central sensitisation?

- Allodynia
- Hyperalgesia
- Increased surface area of pain
- Increased duration of pain ie dysmenorrhea vs daily pelvic pain



When managing Pelvic Pain...

- Think of:
 - Organ dysfunction – reproductive, bladder, bowel
 - MSK response to pain
 - Central sensitisation
 - Psychological sequelae of pain



Persistent Pelvic Pain Clinic (PPPC):

- Specialised multidisciplinary clinic for women experiencing longstanding pelvic pain
- **Aim: multimodal approach to managing pain → primary aims of improving global functionality and reducing opiate use**
- **Who:** team made up of:
 - Pelvic floor Physiotherapist
 - Psychologist
 - Specialist Pain Medicine Physician
 - Gynaecologist specialising in pelvic pain and endometriosis



Persistent Pelvic Pain Clinic:

- **What patients can expect when attending PPC:**
- Initial appointment: thorough assessment by multidisciplinary team (MDT)
- GP essential role ensuring Pt has details of prior Rx: operation dates/locations/procedures/outcomes/ current medications...
- Pt at centre!
- Aim 9/12 journey through clinic (3 visits total)
- MDT together with Pt formulate management plan for following 9/12
- At end of 9/12: collaborative plan with GP for ongoing pain management



Referral criteria:

- Referral from specialist Mater gynaecologist (rare exceptions after discussion with team)
- Organic pathology excluded/optimally managed (eg complete excision of endometriosis); must not be awaiting definitive surgical mx
- Primary cause of pain is gynaecological
- Primary issue to be addressed is pain rather than opioid/substance depended/addiction



Referral criteria (cont):

- Not currently under the care of another MDT pain team
- Patient is able and willing to participate in all aspects of the multidisciplinary team
- Pts with frequent ED presentations for exacerbations of pain despite attempts at mx considered for upcategorisation
- Ongoing relationship with GP



Treatment Plan

- Multidisciplinary
- Based on needs identified and plan from initial assessment day
- May involve any combination of MDT



Outcomes

- Health care utilisation (ED/GP/other specialists)
- Number of admissions
- How many investigations (scans, bloods, OT)
- Opioid daily dose
- Sleep
- Mood (DASS21)
- Work/Study/Social function
- Self Efficacy (PSEQ)
- Pain....



Suggestions for interim mx (can have long wait for PPPC)

- Involvement of gynaecologist to mx contributory factors such as dysmenorrhea, PF dysfunction
- Strongly consider referral to physio with interest in pelvic pain
- Consider menstrual suppression if menses driver of pain
- Consider commencing neuropathic pain medication eg amitriptyline, lyrica
- Consider creation of MHCP to allow patient to access psychological support



GP Involvement

'Hub' of MDT

Reinforcing 'the message'

Initiate basics of management




Useful resources:

- Better Pain Management:
 - Written by pain specialists for other medical professionals (CPD points)
 - www.betterpainmanagement.com
- Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia www.pelvicpain.org.au
- Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain
 - Dr Susan Evans & Deborah Bush



Useful resources:



Pelvic Pain
Foundation
OF AUSTRALIA

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The Relationship Between Androgens and Days per Month of Period Pain, Pelvic Pain, Headache, and TLR4 Responsiveness of Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells in Young Women with Dysmenorrhoea

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Tips and Tricks to recovering well from a laparoscopy


READ MORE



Easy Stretches to Relax the Pelvis – Women

These stretches are designed to loosen the muscles inside and around the pelvis.

READ MORE



The Language of Pelvic Pain

Have you ever found it difficult to communicate what your pelvic pain feels like to your health professional?



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Pregnancy complications: PROM, PPROM, PTL

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PTL, PROM, PPRM:

What referral to make or test to do when?

- Preterm labour (PTL)
- Prelabour rupture of membranes (PROM)
- Preterm prelabour rupture of membranes (PPROM)



Pregnancy complications

- Krystal—healthy 28 year old G1P0
- 33 weeks presentation
- Uncomplicated pregnancy
- Presents with painful abdominal tightenings for the past couple of days.
- At first these were erratic and uncomfortable
- Now painful, more frequent, lasting longer
- What are the issues that need to be considered?



Summary of routine tests

Abdominal pain

Is she in PTL?

**Digital examination can be done if clinically indicated
however be aware it may interfere with tests for PTL**

Speculum examination – cervix dilated? ROM?

- Swabs
- Specific testing e.g. Actim partus, Fetal fibronectin
- Cervical length on USS

If PTL likely arrange transfer* for management

- Tocolysis
- Steroids
- If in labour IV antibiotics (penicillin)
- If not in labour, antibiotics not indicated

*via Qld Retrieval Service if in a rural or remote area



Pregnancy complications

- Melanie—healthy 26 year old G1P0
- Uncomplicated pregnancy to date
- 38 weeks pregnant
- Presentation = small amounts of clear fluid leaking onto her underwear for the past couple of days
- No abdominal pain or tightening
- What are the issues that need to be considered?



Term PROM

Occurs in around 8% of pregnancies

- Majority (60–95% 2-7) of women will spontaneously establish in labour within 24–48 hours
- Advise women to present for assessment when PROM is suspected

Review history and time of fluid loss • Conduct a clinical assessment

- Avoid digital vaginal examinations as may increase risk of infection
- Sterile speculum examination:
 - Visualise pooling of amniotic fluid / leakage from the os with coughing, cervical length and dilatation, exclude cord prolapse
- If required, test vaginal secretions with immunoassay (e.g. AmniSure ® , ActimPROM)
- Low vaginal swab for Group B Streptococcus (GBS)

Term PROM

- Management: expectant, versus active management (induction of labour or CS)
- Indications for active management:
 - Maternal choice
 - PROM greater than 24 hours
 - Group B Streptococcus (GBS) positive or previous baby with early onset GBS (EOGBSD)
 - Signs of maternal infection
 - Concern for maternal or fetal wellbeing
 - Meconium/blood stained liquor
 - Contraindications to vaginal birth



Pregnancy complications

- Sandra, age 30 years, is a healthy G1P0 who presents for her scheduled appointment at 28 weeks. She mentions that over the past 12 hours she has noticed small amounts of clear fluid leaking onto her underwear.

The following issues need to be considered:

- Does she have PPROM?
- Is the fetus viable?
- Is there infection?

Sandra should have a comprehensive assessment, such as would be done at the PAC



Diagnosis of PPRROM

- Speculum exam – confirm rupture of membranes, colour of liquor, dilatation of cervix.

Consider signs of complicating factors:

- Temperature – chorioamnionitis (chorio)
- Maternal and fetal pulse rate – chorio
- Uterine tenderness – chorio/abruption
- Fetal heart rate – confirm fetal viability

DO NOT PERFORM a digital examination unless the woman is about to deliver (but consider leaving this to PAC staff)

Investigations:

- Vaginal swabs for MCS; MSU MCS
- Amnisure / ActimPROM test



Management PPRROM

- Best practice care of PPRROM involves transfer to tertiary unit if safe
- Consider
 - Steroids if less than 36weeks (depending upon mode of delivery)
 - MgSO₄ if less than 30 weeks and labouring
- If labouring
 - IV antibiotics (penicillin) or known GBS +ve
 - Tocolysis – nifedipine orally
- If not in labour
 - Erythromycin PO




PPROM outcomes

- Most deliver within the first 7 days
- If undelivered, they may be managed as an outpatient
- Positive GBS status – induction of labour (IOL) offered at 34 weeks
- Negative GBS status – IOL offered at 37 weeks
- Breech presentation carries a risk of cord prolapse and head entrapment – Caesarean Section offered with rescue steroids prior to surgery
- If the baby is delivered remotely, arrange transfer* to a tertiary unit along with the placenta
- *via Qld Retrieval Service if in a rural or remote area



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- Early Pregnancy Loss
- Early onset Group B Streptococcal disease
- Gestational diabetes mellitus
- Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- Induction of labour *(Updated Mar 2017)*
- Intrapartum fetal surveillance
- Normal birth *(Under review)*
- Obesity in pregnancy
- Perinatal substance use: maternal
- Perineal care
- Preterm labour and birth
- Primary postpartum haemorrhage *(Updated Mar 2017)*
- Stillbirth care



Postpartum case discussions

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Post Partum Care

- You have 10 min for case work
- Each group will need a presenter



Julia

Julia is a G1P1 who had uncomplicated pregnancy, a straightforward delivery and post partum course.

She is now 6 days post partum and presents for her routine visit, along with baby Jack. They have booked two appointments, 15 min for Julia and 30 min for Jack.

What do you complete for Julia's checkup?



Systems based approach to Post Partum Care

Post Partum check at 5-10/7

History:

- **A**dacel/Boostrix/MMR
- **B**reasts
- **C**omplications, calves, contraception
- **D**elivery
- **E**PDS prn
- **F**eeding



Systems based approach to Post Partum Care

Examination:

- **A**bdominal examination to monitor uterine involution;
wound check if LSCS
- **B**reasts +/- BP
- **C**areful inspection of perineum if vaginal delivery



Contraception options at 5-10/7 pp

- Abstinence
- Condoms
- Minipill
- Depo/Implanon
- NOT COCP, even if not planning to breastfeed
- NOT IUCD



Mereen

Mereen is a G1P1 who had well controlled GDM, a vaginal birth and third degree perineal tear.

Now 6 weeks post partum, she presents for her routine visit.

Baby Jasmine has the following appointment for 6 week review and immunisations.

What do you complete for Mereen's checkup?



Systems based approach to Post Partum Care

Post Partum check at 6/52

History:

- **A** Adjustment to parenthood
- **B** ladder, bowels, breasts
- **C** alves, contraception
- **D** elivery debrief prn
- **E** PDS
- **F** eeding
- **G** estational Diabetes follow up prn
- **H** ypertension follow up prn



Systems based approach to Post Partum Care

Examination:

- **A**bdomen
- **B**reasts, BP
- **C**onsider cervical screening test, inspect perineum if tear/episiotomy



Perineal care

- After 6 weeks postpartum for women with anal sphincter injury and those reporting symptoms of anal sphincter dysfunction:
 - Refer to gynaecologist or uro-gynaecologist or colorectal surgeon
 - Care considerations may include:
 - Endoanal ultrasound
 - Anorectal manometry
 - Consideration of secondary sphincter repair
 - Refer to physiotherapist for assessment and individualised PFMT to help manage pelvic floor dysfunction

Source: Queensland Maternity and Neonatal Clinical Guidelines Program
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg/>



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First degree repair

- If haemostasis evident and structures apposed, suturing not required
- Repair skin with continuous subcuticular sutures or consider surgical glue
- Avoid large volumes of local anaesthetic for clitoral tears

Second degree repair

- Repair muscle with continuous, non-locked sutures
- Use absorbable synthetic suture material
- If skin apposed after suturing muscle layer, suturing of skin is not required
- If skin not apposed after suturing muscle layer, suture the skin

OASIS

- Undertake repair in theatre except in exceptional cases
- Avoid figure of eight sutures
- Trim suture ends and bury knots in deep perineal muscle to avoid suture migration
- Repair of EAS:
 - Use monofilament or modern braided sutures
 - Full thickness EAS tear, use overlapping or end-to-end method
 - Partial thickness EAS tear, use end-to-end method
- Repair of IAS:
 - Repair separately with interrupted or mattress sutures
 - Do not attempt to overlap IAS
- Repair of anorectal mucosa:
 - Use 3-0 polyglactin suture
 - Avoid polydioxanone sutures
 - Use either continuous or interrupted sutures

Perineal tear classification

First degree: Injury to the skin or vaginal epithelium only

Second degree: Injury to the perineum involving perineal muscles but not involving the anal sphincter

Third degree: Injury to perineum involving the anal sphincter complex

- **3a:** Less than 50% of EAS torn
- **3b:** More than 50% of EAS torn
- **3c:** Both EAS and IAS torn

Third and fourth degree tears collectively known as OASIS

Fourth degree: Injury to perineum involving the EAS, IAS and anal epithelium

Rectal buttonhole tear: Injury to rectal mucosa with an intact IAS

Perineal Care Queensland Clinical Guidelines
OASIS = Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injury

Anna

Anna is a G1P1 who had uncomplicated pregnancy, a straightforward delivery and post partum course.

She is now 5 days post partum and presents for her routine visit, along with baby Trinity.

As you commence your routine post partum check, you enquire about feeding and Anna reports that Trinity is unsettled and not feeding well, so this morning she has given Trinity a formula top up.

How do you manage Anna's checkup?



Mater breastfeeding advice

Go to
<http://brochures.mater.org.au>
from there you can access the
Mater Mothers Hospital [link](#) and
find a number of topics



The screenshot shows the 'Patient information' page of the Mater Mothers' Hospital website. At the top, there is a header with the Mater logo and a photo of a mother holding her baby. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads 'You are here: Home > Mater Mothers' Hospital'. A paragraph describes the hospital's commitment to providing high-quality maternity services for women and families across Queensland, noting its partnership with the Queensland Government. Below this, there is a grid of nine brochure links, each with a title, a brief description, a small image, and a 'Click to view' button.

Brochure Title	Description	Image	Action
After birth—bladder assessment	To promote optimal bladder function after the birth of your baby, a comprehensive bladder assessment is now part of your ...	Woman in hospital bed	Click to view
After birth—care of the new mother	During your stay, midwives and nurses will provide education and information to enable you to confidently care for yourself and ...	Woman holding baby	Click to view
After birth—care of your new baby	The midwives caring for you and your baby are able to provide guidance, assistance and support to help you establish and maintain...	Sleeping baby	Click to view
After birth—Child Health Clinics	Frequently asked questions regarding child health clinics.	Sleeping baby	Click to view
After birth—discharge information: resources and links for parents	Useful information and resources for new parents.	Hands holding a baby	Click to view
After birth—family planning decisions	After the birth of your baby it is important to remember that a family planning decision needs to be made.	Family of four	Click to view
After birth—information for new parents	This brochure explains how to find information for new parents after the birth of their baby.	Family of four	Click to view
After birth—information for partners staying overnight	This brochure explains how to make your stay comfortable. Partners are welcome to stay on the ...	Partner holding baby	Click to view
After birth—Length of stay in hospital	If your pregnancy is straightforward, you will be admitted to hospital shortly before the birth of your baby...	Family of four	Click to view





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Breastfeeding - the Thompson Method

A new method of breastfeeding, developed by an Australian breastfeeding consultant (Dr Robyn Thompson) is associated with less pain and nipple damage.

The Midwifery Research Unit is trialling this breastfeeding method in Mater Mothers' Hospital and has introduced a breastfeeding education package for midwives and lactation consultants to become skilled in the Thompson method.

The Midwifery Research Unit will use nonidentified, routinely collected patient information to see if this new approach has reduced complications and increased breastfeeding rates at our hospital.

The Thompson Method

- Cradle baby: comfortably in your arm, elbows relaxed by your side
- First breast: roll baby onto the side to face your breast
- Align baby: baby's lips to mother's nipple
- Baby self-locates: tongue protrudes; mouth opens to a natural width, draws in nipple and breast tissue
- Face to breast symmetry (4-points): nose, chin and both cheeks contact the breast with no gaps
- Fine tune nose and chin points: move baby slightly left or right to fine tune the nose and chin contact
- Fine tune both cheek points: adjust baby's body slightly over or under to ensure both cheeks contact
- Stimulate hormones for milk flow: observe short intermittent stop-start rhythm.
- Swallow reflex: observe change to a long, deep rhythmical draw; baby will swallow as milk flows



Child Health Service

Community health and support services = aims to give every child the best possible start in life.

Free of charge services -- in the home, Child Health Centres, and some community centres

Care is provided by a multidisciplinary team of child health nurses and early intervention clinicians (either social workers or psychologists).



Child Health Service

Services can include:

- Health assessments (surveillance and screening)
- Growth and development checks – as per the Red Book [Personal Health Record](#)
- Early feeding support
- Nutritional information and ongoing infant/child feeding support
- Immunisation information and Immunisation Clinics
- Parenting support (seminars, groups and individual interventions)

Appointments can be booked or some clinics offer drop in services

[Child Health Service fact sheet](#)



Child Health Service

Parenting support and early feeding drop-in clinics



A free service for parents in the first 12 weeks after discharge from hospital. No appointment required.

An initial, brief discussion with a child health nurse regarding any issues or concerns in the early weeks.

This discussion may include:

- infant feeding and sleep
- breastfeeding support and advice.

The nurse can arrange an ongoing appointment with the child health service as required.

Clinic days and hours

Parenting support and early feeding drop-in clinics are located across the greater Brisbane metropolitan area. The tables below list clinic days.

Overleaf you will find a list of the addresses for these clinics.

All clinics are open between **9am and 12pm** (midday) on the days specified in the tables below (closed on public holidays).

As this is a drop-in clinic you may experience a wait during busy times.

Northern suburbs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Alderley Caboolture Deception Bay Kallangur	Alderley Burpengary Nundah Redcliffe Strathpine Indooroopilly	Alderley Caboolture Kallangur Nundah	Alderley Deception Bay Strathpine	Alderley Caboolture Indooroopilly Kallangur Nundah Redcliffe

Southern suburbs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beaudesert Mt Ommaney Springwood Wynnum	Acacia Ridge Coorparoo Cleveland Logan Central	Beenleigh Coorparoo Hillcrest Wynnum	Inala Jimboomba Mt Gravatt East Springwood	Cleveland Hillcrest Logan Central



North Brisbane clinic locations

Alderley

Shop 4, 24 South Pine Road

Burpengary

Burpengary Meadows State School Early Years Centre
Kurrajong Drive

Caboolture

Caboolture Early Years Centre
Corner Tallon and Manley Streets

Deception Bay

Moreton Medical Centre
Market Square Shopping Centre
Corner Bay Avenue and Deception Bay Road

Indooroopilly

Corner Lambert and Clarence Roads

Kallangur

126 School Road

Nundah

10 Nellie Street

Redcliffe

181 Anzac Avenue

Strathpine

568 Gympie Road

South Brisbane clinic locations

Acacia Ridge

Acacia Ridge Early Years Centre
67 Nyngam Street

Beaudesert

Beaudesert Early Years Centre
4 Michaelina Drive

Beenleigh

84 York Street

Cleveland

Redland Health Service Centre
3 Weipin Street

Coorparoo

236 Old Cleveland Road

Hillcrest

Browns Plains Community Health Centre
Corner Wineglass Drive and Middle Road

Inala

64 Wirraway Parade

Jimboomba

Caddies Community Centre
19-33 South Street

Logan Central

97-103 Wembley Road

Mt Gravatt East

18 Badminton Street

Mt Ommaney

171 Dandenong Road

Springwood

16 Cinderella Drive

Wynnum

130 Florence Street



Contact us

t Child Health Service 1300 366 039

t Breastfeeding helpline 1800 686 268

t 13 HEALTH (13 432584) 24 hours, 7 days and ask to speak to a Child Health Nurse for child health related telephone advice

w www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/community-health/child-health-service

Updated: January 2018

Private face to face or telephone services

- Child Health Services
- ABA 1800 686 268 www.breastfeeding.asn.au

Lactation consultants:

- <http://www.lcanz.org/find-a-lactation-consultant/>
- Mater Parenting Support Centre Ph 3163 2229
- [Possums Clinic](#)



Mater Mothers' Parenting Support Centre

The caring continues

Mater Mothers' Parenting Support Centre offers early parenting support and guidance for parents up to six months after the birth of their baby.

Support can be provided to help address issues including:

- breastfeeding and feeding
- sleep and settling
- emotional wellbeing
- infant interactions
- adjusting to your new role as a parent/caregiver.

Services provided include:

- holistic assessment of mothers and babies by a highly trained Mater doctor
- individual lactation consultations
- individual sleeping and settling consultations
- general parenting advice and support
- physiotherapy
- psychological support including postnatal wellness group
- educational workshops.

Who can attend?

Families and individuals with babies up to six months of age born at Mater Mothers' Private Brisbane, Mater Mothers' Private Redland or Mater Mothers' Hospital can access the centre. Self-referrals are welcome.

Appointments

A variety of appointment options are available, to ensure we meet the specific needs of each family and individual.

Options include:

- one on one consultations
- half and full day stay appointments
- online consultation.

Please phone 07 3163 2229 to make an appointment.



Parenting Support at Mater



Online breastfeeding options

[BreastFeedingInc](https://www.breastfeedinginc.com.au)

KEEPING BREASTFEEDING SIMPLE, JUST AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE...

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 BreastFeeding Inc

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Coming Soon

ONLINE COURSES TO HELP
PARENTS GET THEIR
BREASTFEEDING OFF TO THE BEST
START!

KEEP ME POSTED! 



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Nicole

Nicole is a G1P1 who had a normal pregnancy and uncomplicated vaginal delivery.

She presents at 5 weeks requesting a checkup, looking pale and tired, reporting that she is still bleeding very heavily, with pain, blood clots and regular flooding.

What do you check?



Infections in pregnancy and Ectopic pregnancy: Kahoot and Q&A

GP SHARED CARE ALIGNMENT PROGRAM –JUNE 2023

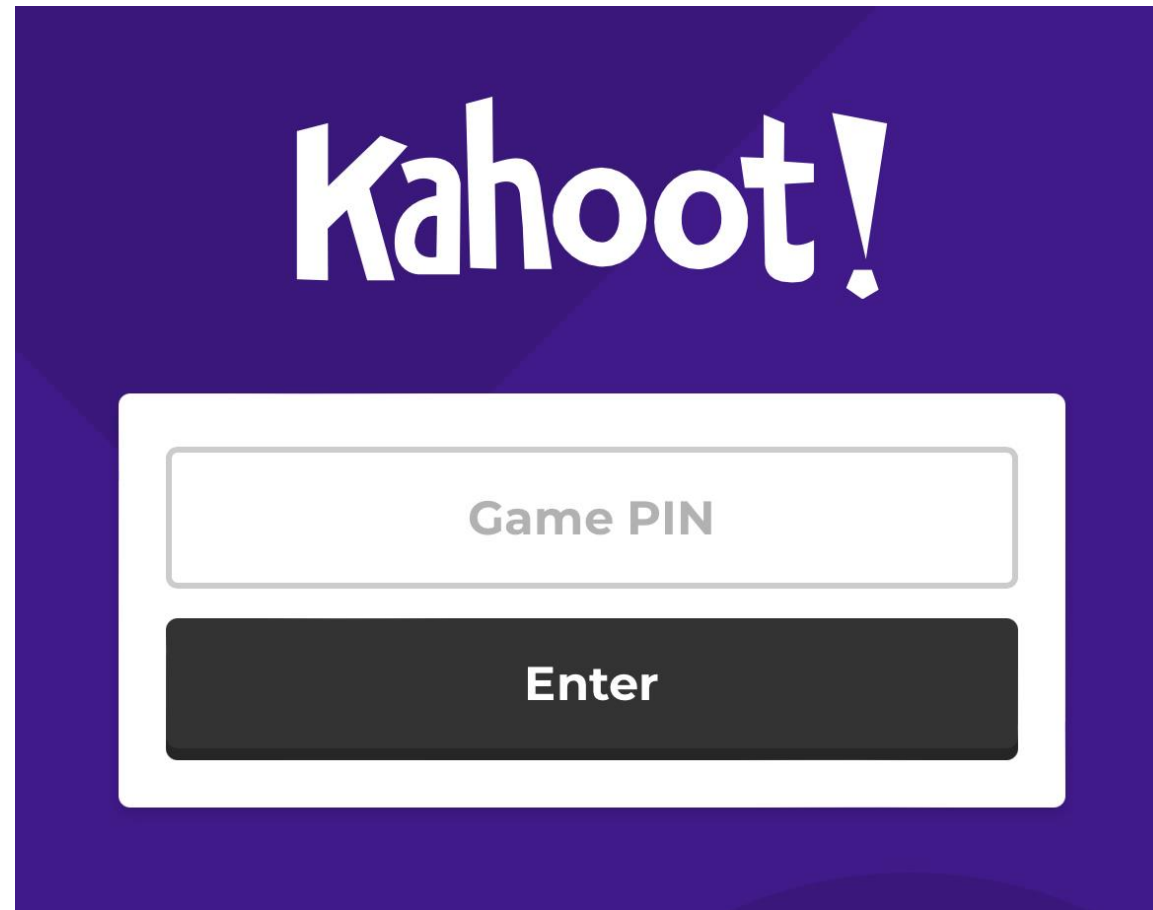
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Kahoot! Infections in Pregnancy



Alignment updates

A quick summary of changes and issues that have arisen since the program commenced in 2008

Pregnancy Assessment Centre (PAC = EPAU + PAOU)

PAC is a specialist area in MMH that deals specifically with pregnancy presentations from conception up to 6 weeks post partum

It has three areas:

- private
- public > k20
- early pregnancy

It is, essentially, an ED for women with pregnancy related problems

The early pregnancy area manages threatened and incomplete miscarriages and investigate causes of pain. They do not provide dating scans.

Women with non pregnancy related conditions e.g. broken arm should still present to ED!



PAC

Haemodynamically unstable women can be looked after by the PAC

They are open 24/7

Private patients incur a once only \$200 per pregnancy cost

Women < k 20 can present at any time for assessment

- Bookings into the early pregnancy clinic (EPC) are preferred (less waiting)
- EPC operates 8 am – 12 noon Monday to Friday
- Phone 31 63 5132 for an appointment
- A referral is not required but is helpful



PAC

- PAC is located adjacent to Birth Suites on level 5 of the MMH
- GP's should contact the PAC before sending a woman in for assessment.
- Team leader 31 63 6577 Registrar 31 63 6611
- Women can self refer or call their midwife (MGP) or 13HEALTH for advice
- *GPs are encouraged to continue to manage women in the community, where appropriate, and are welcome to phone for advice if required*



Alternative private MOC

- Continuity of midwifery carer, Kaitlyn Reid RM, working with Dr Will Milford, Obstetrician at [Kindred](#) Rooms 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 encouraged

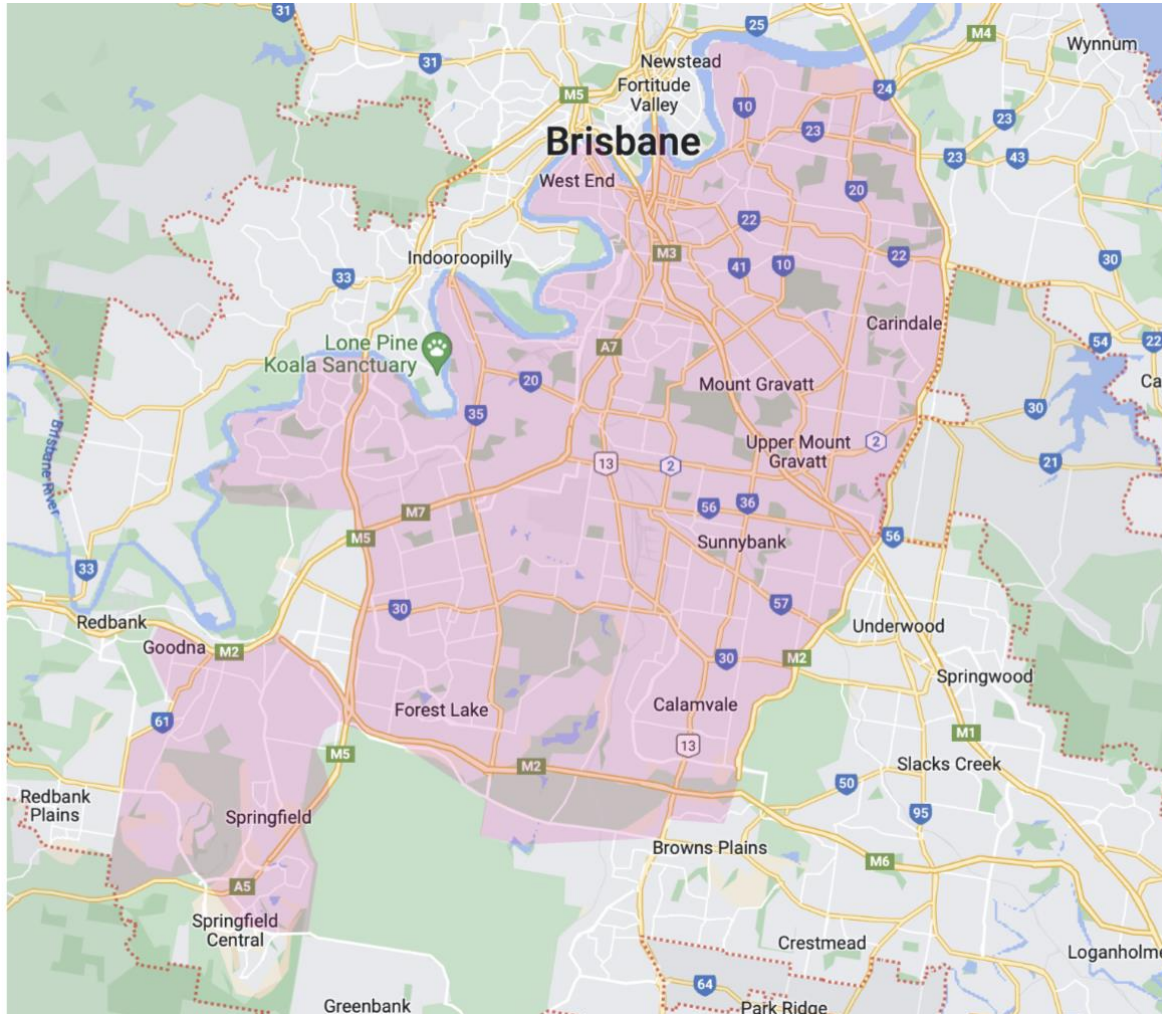


MMH catchment area

- Private hospital, public births
- Local hospital, tertiary referral centre
- High demand = no routine low risk referrals outside catchment
 - Except indigenous women
 - Perhaps women requiring a specialist drug and alcohol service
- Refer all women to their local service
- If you are uncertain, or if time is critical = contact GPLM
- Mater Mothers Private? No catchment restrictions



The catchment area



Women living within the catchment area will be accepted, however proof of address is required.



Catchment Map & Postcode List

Mater Mothers' Public Catchment Suburbs		
A		
Acacia Ridge	4110	
Algester	4115	
Altandi	4109	
Annerley	4103	
Archerfield	4108	
Augustine Heights	4300	
B		
Balmoral	4171	
Balmoral Heights	4171	
Banoon	4109	
Bellbird Park	4300	
Berrinba	4117	
Brookwater	4300	
Bulimba	4171	
Buranda	4102	
C		
Calamvale	4116	
Camira	4300	
Camp Hill	4152	
Cannon Hill	4170	
Carina	4152	
Carina Heights	4152	
Carindale	4152	
Carindale Heights	4152	
Carole Park	4300	
Chelmer	4068	
Colmslie	4170	
Coopers Plains	4108	
Coorparoo	4152	
Corinda	4075	
D		
Darra	4176	
Doolandella	4077	
Drewvale	4166	
Durack	4077	
Durack Heights	4077	
Dutton Park	4102	
E		
East Brisbane	4169	
Eight Mile Plains	4133	
Ekibin	4121	
Ellen Grove	4077	
F		
Fairfield	4103	
Forest Lake	4077	
Fruitgrove	4113	
G		
Gailes	4300	
Goodna	4300	
Graceville	4075	
Graceville East	4075	
Greenslopes	4120	
H		
Hawthorne	4171	
Heathwood	4110	
Highgate Hill	4101	
Hill End	4101	
Holland Park	4121	
Holland Park East	4121	
Holland Park West	4121	
I		
Inala	4077	
Inala East	4077	
Inala Heights	4077	
Inala West	4077	
J		
Jamboree Heights	4074	
Jindalee	4074	
K		
Kangaroo Point	4169	
Kuraby	4112	
L		
Larapinta	4110	
M		
Macgregor	4109	
Mansfield	4122	
Middle Park	4074	
Moorooka	4105	
Morningside	4170	
Mount Gravatt	4122	
Mount Gravatt East	4122	
Mount Ommaney	4074	
Murarie	4172	
N		
Nathan	4111	
Nathan Heights	4111	
Norman Park	4170	
O		
Oxley	4075	
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Pallara	4110	
Parkinson	4115	
Q		
Queensport	4172	
R		
Richlands	4077	
Riverhills	4074	
Robertson	4109	
Rocklea	4106	
Runcorn	4113	
S		
Salisbury	4107	
Seven Hills	4107	
Seventeen Miles Rocks	4073	
Sherwood	4075	
Sinnamon Park	4073	
Springfield	4300	
Springfield Lakes	4300	
Southbank	4101	
South Brisbane	4101	
Stones Corner	4120	
Stretton	4116	
Sumner	4074	
Sumner Park	4074	
Sunnybank	4109	
Sunnybank Hills	4109	
T		
Tarragindi	4121	
Tennyson	4105	
U		
Upper Mount Gravatt	4122	
W		
Wellers Hill	4121	
West End	4101	
Westlake	4074	
Willawong	4110	
Wishart	4122	
Woolloongabba	4102	
Y		
Yeerongpilly	4105	
Yeronga	4104	
Yeronga West	4104	

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Please consider signing up

Mater has a consumer website
www.matermothers.org.au with models of
care information

Women who do not have a GP can use this
[list](#) to locate an aligned GP

- Yeronga
- Wynnun
- Wishart
- West End
- Waterford West
- Underwood
- Toombul
- The Gap
- Sunnybank Hills
- Stones Corner
- Springwood
- Spring Hill
- Slacks Creek
- Seven Hills
- Runcorn
- Rocklea
- Redbank Plains
- Purga
- Paddington
- Norman Park
- Nathan
- Mount Warren Park
- Morningside
- Meadowbrook
- Mansfield
- Macleay Island
- Laidley
- Keperra
- Jindalee
- Indooroopilly
- Holland Park
- Heritage Park
- Greenslopes
- Goodna
- Fernvale
- Eight Mile Plains
- Eagle Heights
- Darra
- Cornubia
- Cleveland
- Capalaba
- Calamvale
- Buranda
- Brookwater
- Bracken Ridge
- Belmont
- Bardon
- Auchenflower
- Annerley
- Acacia Ridge
- Yeppoon
- Woolloongabba
- Windsor
- Wellington Point
- Victoria Point
- Toowoomba
- Tingalpa
- Tenneriffe
- Sunnybank
- Stafford
- Springfield Lakes
- Southport
- Sinnamon Park
- Samford
- Rochedale
- Richlands
- Redbank
- Parkinson
- Oxley
- Newmarket
- Murrumba Downs
- Mount Ommaney
- Moorooka
- McDowall
- Manly West
- Loganlea
- Kuraby
- Kenmore
- Jimboomba
- Inala
- Hillcrest
- Hawthorne
- Greenbank
- Fortitude Valley
- Fairfield
- East Brisbane
- Durack
- Daisy Hill
- Coorparoo
- Carindale
- Cannon Hill
- Burpengary
- Bulimba
- Brookfield
- Bowen Hills
- Beenleigh
- Balmoral
- Ashgrove
- Algester
- Yarrabilba
- Woodridge
- Windaroo
- Wellers Hill
- Upper Mt Gravatt
- Toowong
- Thornlands
- Taringa
- Sumner Park
- St Lucia
- Springfield
- South Brisbane
- Sherwood
- Salisbury
- Robertson
- Redland Bay
- Red Hill
- Park Ridge
- Nundah
- New Farm
- Mt Gravatt
- Mount Cotton
- Middle Park
- Marsden
- Manly
- Loganholme
- Kingston
- Kangaroo Point
- Ipswich
- Holmview
- Highgate Hill
- Gumdale
- Graceville
- Forest Lake
- Everton Hills
- Eagleby
- Dunwich
- Crestmead
- Collingwood Park
- Carina
- Camp Hill
- Burleigh Waters
- Browns Plains
- Brisbane CBD
- Birkdale
- Beaudesert
- Bald Hills
- Ascot
- Albany Creek



Please watch out for AOTC


We will keep you updated e.g. about changes to the GDM pathway, guideline changes, immunisations, education events. AOTC, including past editions, is available [online](#)




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Mater Mothers launches a new two
week campaign to share Brisbane's
best baby selfies!

Outpatient Waitlist Times

View the most recent Outpatient
Clinic waitlist times

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South Brisbane GP Education -
Neurosciences 16 June

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What's On » Professional Development » GP Maternity Shared Care Alignment

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.

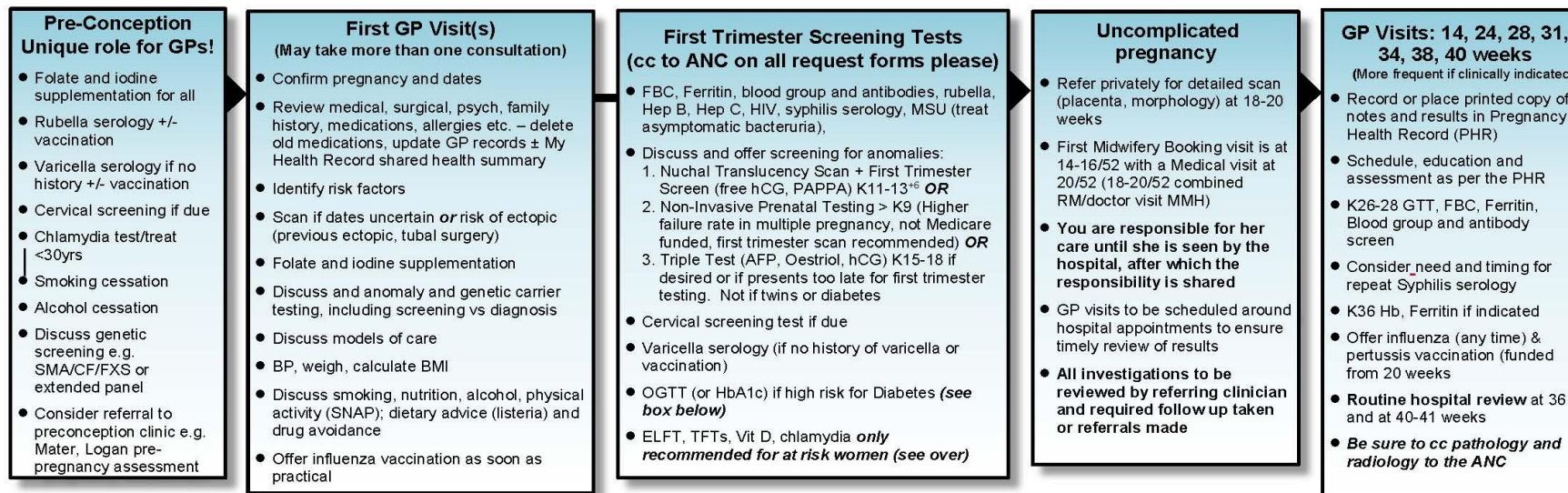
For event registration enquires please contact the Program Administrator by email mscadmin@mater.org.au.

GP Advisors for the MMH GP Maternity Shared Care Alignment Program are supported by Medicare Locals.



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Brisbane South Antenatal Shared Care Process



General Information

High Risk for Diabetes in Pregnancy?

- Previous GDM or baby > 4500g, polycystic ovarian syndrome, strong family history, glycosuria, BMI > 30, maternal age ≥ 40, ethnicity
- OGTT by 12 weeks (or HbA1c if OGTT not tolerated). **URGENT** Hospital ANC referral if abnormal (Fasting ≥ 5.1 mmol or 1-hr ≥ 10 mmol or 2-hr ≥ 8.5 mmol; HbA1c ≥ 5.9)
- Please specify reason and include a copy of the results in the referral letter to your local service.

Medical Disease or Obstetric Complications? EARLY or URGENT Hospital ANC referral:

- GP referral letters are triaged by consultant within same week
- Please specify urgency and reasons in the referral letter
- Refer to local service who will liaise or make further referrals if required
- **Be sure to cc pathology and radiology and give women a copy of their results**

Rh Negative Mothers

- If antibody negative, offer 625 IU anti-D at 28 and 34 weeks and for sensitising events
- Dose can be given at local Hospital; or
- Dose can be given by GP—order via Fax from QML or Mater Blood Bank, delivered via courier to surgery
- QML 3371 9029
- Mater 3163 8179

CONTACTS	Beauresert	Logan	Redland	Mater
Contact Details for Referrals, Pathology				
Hub fax (for initial referral)	Central Referral Hub: 1300 364 248			3163 8053
ANC fax (for updated information)	5541 9132	3299 8202	3488 3436	3163 8053
Secure e-Referral	Medical Objects or HealthLink available for all centres			
ANC phone	5541 9144	3299 8527	3488 3434	3163 1861
Perinatal Mental Health Services	3089 2734	3089 2734	3825 6214	3163 7990
For Urgent Referral or Advice				
O&G Registrar/GP Obs on Call	5541 9174	3299 8027	3488 3758	3163 6611
Obstetrician on call	-	3089 6963	3488 3111	3163 6612
Triage Midwife	5541 9144	3299 8811	3488 3044	3163 1861
For urgent MH referral/advice	1300 642255 (1300 MHCALL) for all centres			
Pregnancy Complications				
Complications, e.g. bleeding, pain, threatened or incomplete miscarriages, phone 24/7 Haemodynamically unstable women? Direct to ED/PAC	On-Call GP Obstetrician 5541 9111	<20 3299 8456	On-Call Obstetrician 3488 3111	Pregnancy Assessment Centre (PAC) 3163 6577
		>20 3299 8811		
		EPAU FAX 3089 2016		
		ED: 3299 8899		

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QHealth referral template

This helpful document,
has 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).
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 Queensland Government	Maternity Booking In Referral		Hospital use only Attach label or enter URN:	
Medicare number: <input type="checkbox"/> Ineligible (provide comments in patient details below)				
Please complete patient contact details in full – to allow us to contact your patient promptly				
Patient details				
Family name:		Given name(s):		
Date of birth: / /		Home phone:	Work phone:	
Address:				
Next of kin name:			Phone:	
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If ineligible for Medicare, provide comments:				
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Referring doctor / clinician details				
From:		Phone:	Fax:	
Address:				
Provider number:		Email:		
Clinical details				
LNMP: / /	Certain? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EDD: / /	Last pap smear: / /	BMI:
Nuchal translucency <i>plus</i> 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				
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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: (<i>please send copies with referral</i>) <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		
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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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Queensland Health Maternity & Neonatal Clinical Guidelines

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg/publications>



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Queensland Clinical Guidelines

Translating evidence into best clinical practice

Maternity and Neonatal Clinical Guidelines

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Maternity

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- + Antenatal corticosteroids
(New Sept 2021)
- + Analgesia in labour; (Under review)
- + COVID-19 guidance for maternity services (Updated 28 April 2022)
- + Early Pregnancy Loss
- + Early onset Group B Streptococcal disease (Updated July 2022)
- + Fetal movements
- + Gestational diabetes mellitus
(Updated May 2022)
- + Hypertension and pregnancy
(Updated May 2021)
- + Induction of labour (Under review)
- + Instrumental vaginal birth
- + Intrapartum fetal surveillance
- + Iron deficiency and anaemia
- + Normal birth (Under review)
- + Obesity and pregnancy
(Updated Aug 2021)

- Low risk women must complete information online before their antenatal booking appointment
- A link is sent via SMS = ***mobile phone number must be correct***
- Mobile phone number changes? Women to contact ANC
- *If unable to be contacted their booking will be cancelled*
- Women who have not completed the online information will have to be *rescheduled* (time pressures)
- Women who need an interpreter have a longer booking appointment, not the online version. Identify them!



You.

***If you order it, you are
responsible for follow up and
referrals***

- The cc result is not seen by clinicians until contact with the woman is made
- What to you do with what you have found is in the MMH GP Maternity Shared Care Guideline
- Unsure? Phone a friend



Referral process

- Women with *pre-existing* medical conditions identified in the antenatal referral don't need separate referrals to specialist clinics. The obstetrician will sort it out at the first visit.
- If a woman *develops* a medical condition after referral, fax a new referral to ANC with results.
- HbA1c or OGTT abnormal? Notify patient and ANC promptly.



For clinical advice or if a woman requires urgent review:

- Obstetric registrar: 31 63 6611
- Obstetric consultant: 31 63 6009
- Obstetric Medicine registrar via switch 31 63 8111

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

- Telephone 07 31 63 1861 (you can leave a message) mobile 0466 205 710 or email GPL@mater.org.au



Mater Doctor Portal

Mater Doctor Portal
for GPs and private
obstetricians (external
clinicians)



Summary of routine pathology Ix

- Routine first trimester: FBC, group & antibodies, iron studies, Rubella, Hep B, C, HIV, Syphilis and MSU m/c/s. (CST if due)
- As indicated: Urine PCR for STIs, Vit D, TFTs, HbA1c or early OGTT, E/LFTs, urinary protein/creatinine ratio
- Routine 24-28 weeks: FBC, iron studies, OGTT, group & antibodies, syphilis serology
- Routine 34-36 weeks: FBC, iron studies (group & antibodies if Rh neg only), syphilis if high risk only



Please don't forget to enquire or inform women about....

- Breastfeeding intentions and availability of support e.g. ABA, Mater Breastfeeding Support Centre, <http://brochures.mater.org.au>
- Antenatal classes
- Vit K and Hep B
- Birthing plans
- When to come to hospital
- Post natal checks



Yes, there's a brochure for that!



You are here: [Home](#) > [Mater Mothers' Hospital](#) > [Labour and birth—information for women and families](#)

Quick Links

- ▶ [Birth plans](#)
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Labour and birth—information for women and families

Introduction

The final weeks of your pregnancy are often filled with great anticipation as you wait for the birth of your baby. This information has been developed with midwives, doctors and pregnant women to provide helpful advice about ways to make the birth your baby a rewarding experience.

Please use the alphabetical information list on the right or the category list below to navigate this section of the website and find the information you need.

[Am I in labour?](#)

[Fetal heart rate monitoring](#)

[Supporting breastfeeding with skin to skin contact](#)

[Stages of labour](#)

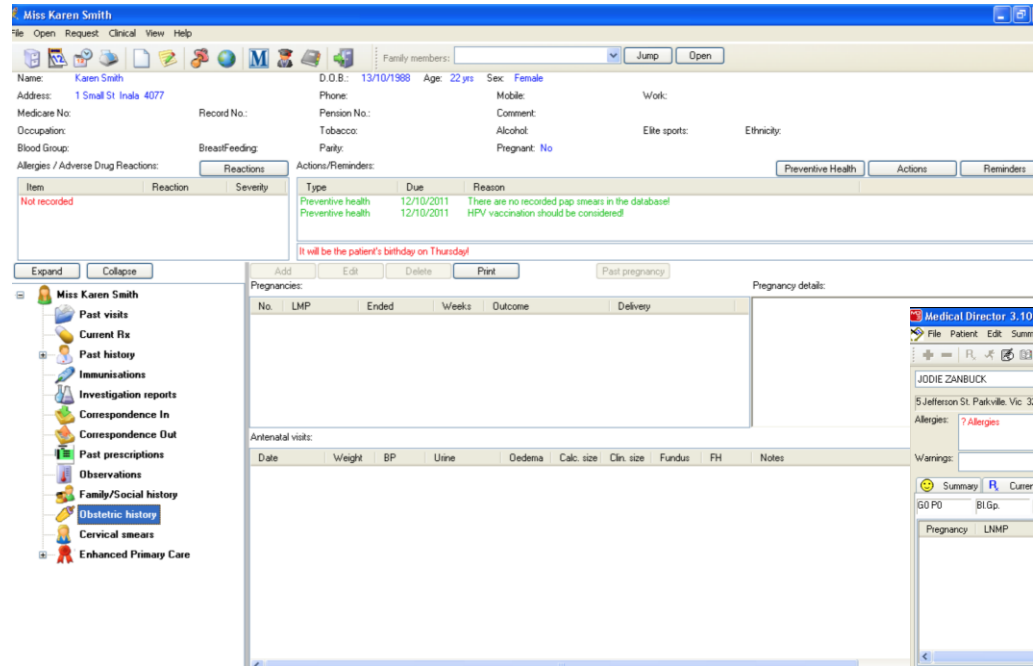
[Pain management](#)

Am I in labour?



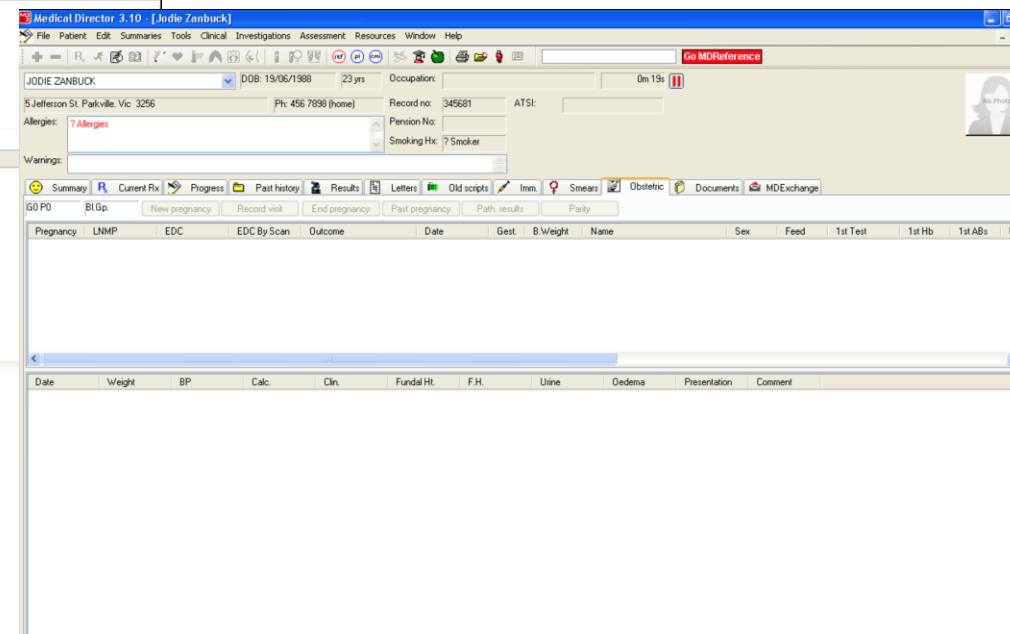
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Where are you entering your observations?



Use the obstetric tabs

- *easy to enter data
- *print a copy for PHR
- *ready for dPHR



In conclusion....

The Mater Mothers Alignment program has created a significant number of resources which are available online for all to use and to share

We have worked with our colleagues in other hospitals and in general practice to create affiliated programs at Beautesert, Logan, Redland, RBWH, Redcliffe/Caboolture, Nambour, Ipswich, Biloela and Emerald Hospitals

Please use and share these resources



Contact details

Alignment status, contact details, evaluation training & RACGP enquiries?

- Phone Mater Education on 31 63 1500
- Fax 31 63 8344
- Email mscadmin@mater.org.au



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 available under Metro
North GP Alignment Program on the Education
[resources page](#)





Item numbers for Maternity Care

16500 Fee \$49.85 Antenatal Attendance

16591 Fee \$150.75 "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)

Maternity item numbers

16407

Postnatal attendance: in hospital or at consulting rooms, between 4 and 8 weeks after the birth. Lasts at least 20 minutes and includes a mental health assessment (including screening for drug and alcohol use and domestic violence) of the patient. **Fee:** \$75.80

16408

Home visit for woman who was admitted privately for the birth. Midwife (on behalf of and under the supervision of the medical practitioner who attended the birth) Obstetrician or GP can claim. 1-4 weeks post partum, at least 20 min duration. **Fee:** \$56.45

4001

Non-directive **pregnancy support counselling** of at least 20 minutes by a **credentialed** GP, for a patient who is currently pregnant; or has been pregnant in the 12 months prior. Up to 3 services claimable per patient, per pregnancy. Fee: \$81.00.

TRAINING IS FREE AND AVAILABLE THROUGH BOTH GP LEARNING & ACRRM



YOU ARE NOT YET ALIGNED?!

You still have to get an **80% pass** in the questionnaire (you will be sent a link) and complete paperwork, this may take up to 8 weeks.

Today's event accrues 4.5 hours of CPD (2 hours Educational Activities, 2.5 hours Reviewing Performance)

CPD hours need to be self-logged through the RACGP App.



To maintain your alignment, you must realign **every 3 years**:

- repeat one Alignment Seminar (you can repeat this Alignment, attend Alignment 1, 3, 4 or an affiliated Alignment + complete the online bridge) including Q&A;
- OR
- attend three relevant antenatal or postnatal/neonatal CPD events and complete online Q & A. The CPD events DO NOT need to be with the Mater Health Services
- OR
- Complete a RANZCOG Diploma or Certificate in Women's Health or the RACGP's Antenatal and postnatal ALM + complete the online bridge
- OR
- Complete a 2 hour online update.



Good afternoon and would you please?

- Complete the evaluation and give us feedback—let us know what we did well and what we could do better
- Let us know if you would be happy to have your contact information available for pregnant women who don't have a regular GP
- Let us know if you would be happy to have BSPHN hold your contact details also
- Give us an email address that we will be able to contact/update you on





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