Pregnancy Health Record

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Always carry this record with you
You must bring this record with you when you visit any health care professional / hospital.
Please complete the following pages at home.

Consent to Carry

I acknowledge that:

1. I have read the disclaimer on page b12 of this document and have understood it.
2. My Pregnancy Health Record (PHR) is not intended to replace the advice I receive from my treating health practitioners.
3. My PHR is not intended to replace the need for me to provide informed consent to any treatment or procedure.
4. If I elect to carry my PHR, I accept:
   a. It will be my sole responsibility to produce my copy of the PHR at all appointments and birth with all my treating health practitioners. I understand my record will be updated at each visit.
   b. The safekeeping of my PHR and the information contained in my PHR will be my sole responsibility. For further information please refer to the *About Pregnancy Health Record* brochure.
   c. My PHR contains confidential health information about myself as well as confidential information about the father of my child.
   d. It will be my responsibility to advise the health care professional if I would like to keep some information private and not to include it in the PHR.
   e. It will be my responsibility to ensure that the PHR is updated at every visit to any health professional in Queensland Health.
   f. It will be my responsibility to ensure that relevant information is included in my PHR at any appointment or during any episode of care from a non-Queensland Health health practitioner.
   g. A photocopy of this document will be kept in my Hospital file. The original will be retained by the hospital after the birth. I may then take the photocopy for my personal records.

☐ I would like to carry my PHR

☐ I would **NOT** like to carry my PHR

Signature:

Date: / /

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Important Information

It is very important that you tell your health care providers about any problems you or your baby had in previous pregnancy, labour and / or post-birth.

Please phone the following number prior to arriving at the hospital.

Call your GP / midwife / obstetrician or birth suite:

1. If you are unsure about what is happening to you or if you think you are in labour.
2. Your baby is moving less than usual or if you are concerned *(do not wait until the next day)*.
3. If your 'waters' break (membranes rupture).
4. If you are experiencing any of these complications:
   - Any vaginal bleeding during pregnancy
   - Uncontrollable vomiting or diarrhoea
   - Stomach or back pain
   - Unusual headaches and / or blurred vision
   - Fainting
   - Urinary problems
   - Fever
   - Constant itching

You may be in early labour and still be able to remain at home. A phone call to the hospital may reduce your anxiety and prepares staff for your arrival if necessary.

When to see your GP / midwife / obstetrician

Please refer to the Recommended Minimum Antenatal Schedule Checklist on page a9–10.

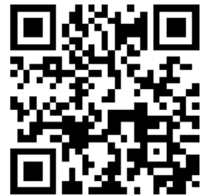
If you have any concerns, please discuss this with your health care provider.

Types of pregnancy / antenatal care available

Shared care with hospital or hospital based midwife / doctor care / midwife in private practice or GP.

Most hospitals offer 3 or 4 models of pregnancy / antenatal care. Please ask for details.

Further information online (the QR code can be used to download the linked information on a smart device)

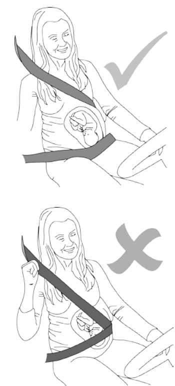


Fetal Movements

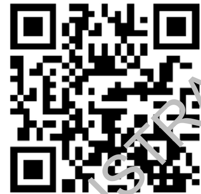
Please refer to the following link for information on what to expect from your baby's movements as pregnancy progresses and when to seek care if you become concerned:
https://sanda.psanz.com.au/parent-centre/pregnancy/

Correct use of Seat Belts in Pregnancy

It is always safer for you and your baby to use a three point seatbelt (lap-sash) with a lap belt and a shoulder strap (sash). However, a lap belt on its own is safer than no seatbelt at all if you are involved in a car crash. Place the lap-belt under your baby as low as possible. It should sit over the upper thighs / pelvis and not across your baby. Position the shoulder strap (sash) over your collar bone and snuggly between your breasts.



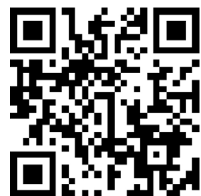
Please refer to the following link for *Queensland Health Parent information about seatbelts and pregnancy*: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg/documents/c-trauma-seatbelts.pdf



Nutrition and Physical Activity in Pregnancy

The *Australian Dietary Guidelines* provide advice on eating for health and wellbeing of infants, children and adults:
http://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/guidelines

It is important to remain active during pregnancy. There are benefits for both yourself and your baby. Please see the following link for more details, including specific guidelines for exercise during pregnancy:
http://www.pregnancybirthbaby.org.au/exercising-during-pregnancy



Information for Parents and Carers

Further information and resources are available at:
https://www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg/html/consumers.asp#consumer-info

Pelvic Floor in Pregnancy

For information on pelvic floor exercises, good bladder and bowel habits and where to go for help please see the following link for more details: http://www.continence.org.au/pages/pregnancy.html

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Pregnancy and new parenthood can cause tremendous changes in your body, mind, sense of self, lifestyle and relationships. It's important to look after your mental health and emotional wellbeing during this time. For practical advice on emotional wellbeing and mental health for you, your baby and your family, follow this link:
www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/qcpimh

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Considerations for Labour and Birth

Please complete by 34 weeks after talking with your GP, midwife or obstetrician. You may tick more than one box. These plans are flexible and can be changed at any time, even through labour and birth.

- [ ] Signs of early labour and when to go to hospital discussed
- [ ] Positions for labour and birth discussed
- [ ] Cultural / Personal preferences discussed

Birthing aids to consider

- [ ] Bean bag
- [ ] Bath
- [ ] Shower
- [ ] Mirror
- [ ] Birth stool
- [ ] Gym ball
- [ ] Other:

Non-Pharmacological pain relief

- [ ] Massage oils
- [ ] Heat pack
- [ ] Shower / Bath
- [ ] Music-relaxation CD
- [ ] Aromatherapy
- [ ] Relaxation techniques
- [ ] TENS machine

Pharmacological pain relief

- [ ] Entonox gas
- [ ] Narcotic intramuscular injection
- [ ] Epidural
- [ ] Sterile water injection

Be aware

Circumstances can change due to a long and / or difficult labour or preterm baby. I may require:

- More pain relief than expected
- Assisted birth (i.e. forceps, ventouse [vacuum])
- Caesarean section (operative birth)
- Episiotomy

Support / Cultural needs

Name of main support person:

Name of second support person:

Interpreter required for birthing? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Meals

- [ ] I will require normal hospital food
- [ ] I will require a special diet:
  - ○ Vegetarian ○ Vegan ○ Diabetic ○ Halal
  - ○ Gluten free ○ Other:

Placenta – 3rd stage management

- [ ] Active – discussed
- [ ] Modified active – discussed
- [ ] Physiological – discussed
- [ ] Plans for placenta – discussed

Comments

Screening and Vaccinations recommended for all babies following birth

I have received information and would like my baby to have:

Vitamin K	[ ] Yes	[ ] No
Hepatitis B vaccination	[ ] Yes	[ ] No
Neonatal screening blood test	[ ] Yes	[ ] No
Healthy Hearing screening	[ ] Yes	[ ] No

Consent will be sought for the above when you have your baby

Plans for home discussed

I have discussed with my health provider:

- [ ] Uncomplicated vaginal birth, expected discharge 6–24 hours
- [ ] Uncomplicated caesarean birth, expected discharge within 72 hours
- [ ] Community midwifery service – postnatal home visiting / phone contact
- [ ] Community Child Health Services
- [ ] Infant feeding plan if required
- [ ] Day 5–10 baby check with GP
- [ ] 6 weeks postnatal check with GP
- [ ] Postnatal depression information
- [ ] Postnatal follow up regarding pre-existing medical condition(s) – *see page a8*
- [ ] SAFE sleeping and SIDS / SUDI information
- [ ] How to register a compliment or concern about the service

Comments and questions

Awareness statement *Safety for you and your baby will be paramount in any decision making*

I understand that this is a guide to my preferences and acknowledge that circumstances can change, sometimes suddenly.
I understand that if things do not happen as indicated then the primary maternity carer will discuss options with me in consultation with the specialist team on duty. I have information about and have indicated my choices for screening and vaccinations following birth.

Woman's signature:	**Doctor's / Midwife's** name:	Designation:	Signature:	Date:
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Feeding Your Baby

Have you breastfed before?	Have you experienced difficulties with breastfeeding in the past?
☐ Yes → Duration: ☐ No	☐ Yes → Give details: ☐ No

Queensland Health has a guideline titled *Establishing breastfeeding* and your local birthing hospital has infant feeding information available. Ask your midwife for a copy. Where relevant this information will outline the *Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding* and how your facility meets each of these steps in accordance with their Baby Friendly Health Initiative (BFHI) status.

Sign and date each section as it is discussed		Date	Initial
Importance of breastfeeding for your baby	• Breast milk is a complete food for your baby. It is a living fluid constantly changing according to your baby's needs and packed full of nutrients and antibodies to boost your baby's immune system.	/ /	
Importance of breastfeeding for you	• Breastfeeding may assist the bonding and attachment between mothers and babies. • Breastfeeding promotes faster maternal recovery from childbirth and women who have breastfed have reduced risks of breast and ovarian cancers later in life. • May assist mothers to lose weight after baby's birth.	/ /	
Importance of breastfeeding for the family	• Breastfeeding is free, safe, convenient and environmentally friendly. • No preparation required, ready anytime, anywhere.	/ /	
Risks of not breastfeeding	• A baby not breastfed is more likely to develop infections, Type 2 diabetes, some childhood cancers, obesity, lower IQ and higher likelihood of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS or cot death).	/ /	
Importance of early uninterrupted skin-to-skin contact after birth for all babies	• Holding close after birth keeps babies warm and calm. Promotes bonding. • Babies can hear their mothers' heartbeat. • Baby's heart and breathing is normalised. • Necessary procedures and checks should wait until after the first feed.	/ /	
How to recognise when baby is ready to attach to the breast for the first feed	• When a baby has skin-to-skin contact after birth there are nine observable newborn stages, happening in a specific order, that are instinctive for the baby. Within each of these stages, there are a variety of actions the baby may demonstrate. These stages are the birth cry, relaxation, awakening, activity, rest, crawling, familiarisation; sucking and final stage is sleep.	/ /	
No other food or drink to around the first 6 months	WHO, UNICEF and NHMRC recommend: • Early initiation of breastfeeding within 1 hour of birth. • Exclusive breastfeeding to around 6 months of age. • Exclusively breastfed babies do not require additional fluids up to 6 months of age. • Continue breastfeeding until 12 months of age and beyond while introducing complementary (solid) foods at around 6 months of age. First foods need to include iron-rich foods. • Optimal infant nutrition: *Infant feeding Guidelines (NHMRC, 2012)*: https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/the_guidelines/n56b_infant_feeding_summary_130808.pdf	/ /	
Getting breastfeeding off to a good start	• Breastfeeding problems are most often caused by baby not attaching well; ask for help when you are starting out. • Positioning applies to ensuring you hold baby close to you (chest to chest), the baby's back is well supported, baby's chin is to the breast with a wide open mouth. • Effective attachment is recognised by no significant nipple pain, baby's cheeks not drawn in and evidence of milk transfer such as swallowing sounds. • Babies are fed according to their needs in response to feeding cues / signs, as long and as often as baby requires.	/ /	
Importance of rooming in	• Having your baby's cot beside your bed or in your room means: » You can cuddle your baby whenever you want. » Get to know your baby before you go home. » Breastfeed when your baby shows feeding signs. » Lower the incidence of jaundice. » Decrease the chance of hospital acquired infection.	/ /	
Signs baby is getting enough	• Anywhere from 8 to 12 breastfeeds per day is normal whilst breastfeeding is being established. • 5 to 6 wet nappies each day after the first 5 days. • A breastfed baby will poo at least 4 times a day by the end of first week and poo will be yellow and runny.	/ /	

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Feeding Your Baby *(continued)*

Sign and date each section as it is discussed		Date	Initial
Why bottle teats and dummies are discouraged while breastfeeding is being established	• Reduces time at the breast often resulting in a decrease in milk supply. • Infant may learn an inappropriate sucking action. • Decreased desire to feed at the breast. • Using teats and dummies prior to 4 weeks of age can cause problems while Mum and Baby learn to breastfeed.	/ /	
Formula feeding	• Mothers who formula feed will be shown how to safely and appropriately feed their baby. • Cow's milk-based formula is suitable for the first 12 months of life unless there are specific medical indications. • Cows / Goat / Almond / Rice / Sheep milk is not suitable for babies under 12 months of age, a breast milk substitute formula should be used for this period. • Check with your local maternity services regards bringing formula and feeding equipment requirements to hospital.	/ /	
How your family and friends can support you?	• Your partner, family and friends can help in a lot of ways other than feeding (settling, baby massage and bathing).	/ /	
Where to get help and support in the community	• 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) provides health information, referral and teletriage services to the public in all parts of Queensland for the cost of a local call. Calls from mobile phones may be charged at a higher rate. For breastfeeding and child health advice ask for a child health nurse. A child health nurse is available 7 days a week from 06:30 hours to 23:00hours. • Queensland Health breastfeeding website at: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/breastfeeding/ • International Board Certified Lactation Consultants in Private Practice. • Child Health Service. • General Practitioners. • Australian Breastfeeding Association – 1800 mum 2 mum (1800 686 268) 24 hour helpline. • Raising Children Network at: http://raisingchildren.net.au/babies/babies.html http://www.lcanz.org/	/ /	

I have had all the above information discussed with me and my questions answered to my satisfaction.

Woman's signature: Date: / /

Woman's Notes / Your Questions

Things you may like to talk about with your GP / midwife / obstetrician / allied health:

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Recommended Minimum Antenatal Schedule Checklist

Additional appointments may be required according to individual need. Please discuss any questions or concerns you have during your antenatal, labour or postnatal period with your care providers

First Visit — GP / Midwife visit preferably before 12 weeks

- [ ] Pregnancy confirmed, maternal counselling commenced
- [ ] Tobacco, drug and alcohol cessation screening completed
- [ ] Pre-pregnancy weight, height and BMI recorded (may require referral to dietitian, GP and physio)
- [ ] Urine dipstick / MSU performed
- [ ] Antenatal blood tests ordered with consent and counselling: blood group and antibodies (status checked / identified), full blood count, diabetes mellitus (if indicated), syphilis, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV ordered
- [ ] Antenatal tests ordered:
  - [ ] Antenatal screening bloods Free Beta-hCG and Papp A after 10 completed weeks and preferably 3–5 days prior to Nuchal USS. *Note: request slip to include EDD and current maternal weight*
  - [ ] Nuchal Translucency 11–13 weeks + 6 days
  - [ ] NIPT (if applicable)
  - [ ] Diagnostic Morphology 18–20 weeks
- [ ] Genetic Counselling and testing discussed as appropriate:
  - [ ] Chorionic Villus Sampling 11–13 weeks / Amniocentesis 16–18 weeks as indicated
- [ ] Booking in referral sent:
  - [ ] Birth centre care options discussed (if applicable)
- [ ] Pap smear offered if due
- [ ] Normal breast changes discussed
  - [ ] Examination performed
- [ ] Folate and iodine supplementation discussed
- [ ] Influenza vaccination administered

Comments:

12–18 weeks — Midwife booking-in visit

- [ ] Booking in Visit – demographic, social, medical and obstetric history documented ± allied health referrals arranged
- [ ] SAFE Start or similar tool: ○ Commenced ○ Completed ○ Referred
- [ ] Tobacco screening / drug and alcohol screening / EDS (EPDS) / maternal counselling completed
- [ ] Models of care discussed and preference identified (page a7)
- [ ] Follow up Nuchal Translucency / NIPT / Amniocentesis
- [ ] Urine dipstick / MSU repeated
- [ ] Refer to Queensland Clinical Guideline: *Gestational diabetes mellitus* for early OGTT
- [ ] Recommended weight gain and healthy eating discussed and information given https://www.health.qld.gov.au/nutrition/nemo_antenatal.asp
- [ ] Physical activity discussed http://www.pregnancybirthbaby.org.au/exercising-during-pregnancy
- [ ] Commence infant feeding education according to page b4, topics for this visit to include breastfeeding recommendations, importance of breastfeeding and risks associated with not breastfeeding
- [ ] Refer to Queensland Clinical Guideline: *Establishing breastfeeding*
- [ ] Antenatal classes offered: ○ Accepted ○ Declined ○ Booked
- [ ] How to register a compliment or complaint about the service
- [ ] How to action Ryan's Rule

Comments:

20 weeks

- [ ] Post diagnostic morphology ultrasound assessment and general health check attended
- [ ] Appropriate model of care confirmed and documented (after risk assessment completed)
- [ ] Maternal counselling including tobacco / drug and alcohol cessation continued (if applicable)
- [ ] Skin-to-skin contact and how to recognise when baby is ready for first feed
- [ ] Baby led feeding discussed
- [ ] Positioning and attachment discussed
- [ ] Consent obtained from Rh D negative women for prophylactic Anti D (staple inside Pregnancy Health Record)
- [ ] Expected date of birth confirmed
- [ ] Model of care confirmed
- [ ] Blood / Scan results reviewed
- [ ] Confirm influenza vaccination administered
- [ ] Fetal movement discussed

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Recommended Minimum Antenatal Schedule Checklist *(continued)*

Checklist	Comments
24–26 weeks ☐ Full assessment including abdominal palpation and fetal auscultation performed ☐ Request slip given to women for blood tests to be performed between 24–28 weeks: • Full blood count (FBC), and OGTT unless diagnosed diabetes / GDM • For Rh D negative women, Rh Antibody blood screen ☐ Benefits of rooming-in discussed (baby / mother staying together) ☐ Physical activity and rest discussed ☐ Home safety and hazard identification for injury prevention discussed ☐ Fetal movement discussed	Comments:
28 weeks ☐ Pathology results checked ☐ First dose of Anti D for Rh D negative women attended (page a7) ☐ Immunisation for dTpa administered ☐ Physical activity and rest revisited ☐ SIDS and SUDI discussed and pamphlet given ☐ Exclusive breastfeeding and how to get breastfeeding off to a good start ☐ Why teats and dummies are discouraged prior to breastfeeding being established ☐ Signs baby is getting enough breast milk ☐ Where to access help in the community ☐ Fetal movement discussed	Comments:
31 weeks ☐ Maternal counselling on tobacco / drug and alcohol cessation revisited (page a15–a16) ☐ Breastfeeding education provided, recommending exclusive breast feeding for around the first six months of baby's life (page b4) ☐ Birth preferences discussed (page b3) ☐ Length of hospital stay and time of discharge discussed ☐ Postnatal community supports discussed ☐ Advise family to have booster immunisation	Comments:
34 weeks ☐ Second dose of Anti D for Rh D negative women attended (page a7) ☐ EDS (EPDS) reviewed, repeated and recorded ☐ Expressing of breast milk and safe storage discussed ☐ Fetal movement discussed	Comments:
36 weeks **Visit at 36 weeks, then as clinically indicated every 1–2 weeks until 41 weeks.** ☐ At each standard antenatal visit: • Revisit maternal counselling on tobacco / drug and alcohol cessation / breastfeeding education (page a15–a16, b4) • Discuss signs of early labour and when to come to hospital • Review blood results **At 36 weeks:** ☐ Elective caesarean section booked (if applicable) ☐ Full blood count ☐ BMI calculated (discuss how BMI informs clinical decision making e.g. anaesthetic review, fetal monitoring if BMI >40) ☐ Fetal movement discussed ☐ Consider recalculation of VTE risk assessment (page a3)	Comments:
38 weeks ☐ Signs of early labour and when to come to hospital discussed ☐ Breastfeeding information reviewed (page b4) ☐ Blood results reviewed ☐ Fetal movement discussed	Comments:
40 weeks ☐ Maternal counselling on tobacco / drug and alcohol cessation revisited (page a15–a16) ☐ Maternal concerns discussed and addressed ☐ Induction of labour for week 40$^{(+10–14\ \text{days})}$ plus or minus membrane sweep discussed ☐ Fetal movement discussed	Comments:
41 weeks ☐ Assessment of maternal and baby wellbeing completed (arrange for CTG if indicated) ☐ Monitoring if indicated as per current fetal surveillance guidelines ☐ Induction of labour by 42 weeks re-discussed (if applicable) ☐ Fetal movement discussed	Comments:

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Gravida: **Parity:** **Blood group:**

Visit Notes *(1 of 3)*

All hospital staff document any variances in progress notes

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Maternity care provider name: Designation: Signature:

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Glossary of Terms

This list is an explanation of some of the terms or abbreviations you may see printed or added to this *Pregnancy Health Record*.
Ask your GP, midwife or obstetrician if you don't understand any of the terms or words they use.

A B O Rh human blood types; checks are done to see that there is no problem between the mother's and baby's blood

Amniocentesis fluid (also called liquor) is taken by needle from the mother's uterus to do tests

Antenatal the period of pregnancy – before the birth

Antibodies proteins produced by blood (checks are done to see that there is no problem between the mother's and baby's blood)

Auscultation action of listening to the heart of the fetus

BGL blood glucose level – to be watched for early signs of diabetes

BMI body mass index – a measure of weight and height

BP blood pressure

Br, Breech unborn baby is lying bottom-down in the uterus

C, Ceph unborn baby is lying head down in the uterus – cephalic presentation

Combined care antenatal care provided by a private maternity service provider (doctor and / or midwife) in the community

CVS chorionic villus sampling, taking a small sample of placenta for testing for Down syndrome etc

Cx (Pap) smear vaginal examination where a sample is collected to detect early warning of cancer of the cervix

dTpa triple antigen vaccine to protect against 3 diseases – diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)

E, Eng, Engaged unborn baby's head is positioned in the mother's pelvis, ready to be born

EDD estimated date of baby's birth – it is normal for the baby to be born up to 2 weeks before / after this date

EDS, EPDS Edinburgh Depression Scale

Episiotomy surgical incision to enlarge the vaginal opening to help the birth

Fetal heart rate (FHR) unborn baby's heartrate

Fetal movements (FM) unborn baby's movements

Fetus developing human baby

FH (H) fetal heart

Fifths above brim position of unborn baby's head in relation to mother's pelvis assessed by examining the abdomen

FMF; FMNF fetal (baby) movements felt; fetal movements not felt

Forceps instruments supporting baby's head to assist in childbirth

Fundal height size of the uterus – expected to increase 1cm per week from 20–36 weeks of pregnancy

GDM gestational diabetes mellitus – diabetes in pregnancy

General Practitioner obstetrician care antenatal care provided by a GP obstetrician

Gestation number of weeks pregnant

Gestational hypertension a rise in blood pressure during pregnancy which will require close monitoring

Glucose tolerance test (GTT) diagnostic blood test for gestational diabetes which may develop during pregnancy

GP, general practitioner a medical specialist who provides evidence based, person centred, continuing, comprehensive and coordinated wholeperson health care to individuals and families within their communities

Gravida the number of times you have been pregnant, primigravida means first, multigravida means more than 1

Hb, haemoglobin the red cells in your blood, which carry oxygen and iron

Hepatitis A B or C inflammation or enlargement of the liver caused by various viruses. Baby may be immunised at birth against Hepatitis B

HIV human immunodeficiency virus, the virus that may lead to AIDS

Hypertension high blood pressure

IOL induction of labour – labour that is initiated by medication or surgical rupture of membranes

Liquor fluid around baby

LNMP last normal menstrual period

MC miscarriage

Midwife professional healthcare worker who specialises in providing care for women and their families throughout pregnancy, labour and birth, and after the birth

Midwifery Group Practice caseload care antenatal care is provided within a publicly-funded caseload model by a known primary midwife with secondary backup midwife / midwives providing cover and assistance with collaboration with doctors in the event of identified risk factors

Model of care the way maternity care is organised, who is providing care and how they are providing it

MSU mid-stream specimen urine – tested to check for infection

Multigravida a woman who has had more than one pregnancy

NAD no abnormality detected

NE not engaged (see engaged)

NIPT non-invasive prenatal testing

NMHRC National Medical Health and Research Council

Nuchal Translucency one of the special measurements taken of the unborn baby during an ultrasound scan

Obstetrician Medical specialist who specialises in providing care for women and their families throughout pregnancy, labour and birth, and after the birth

Oedema swelling generally of ankles, fingers or face

Palpation examination of the mother's abdomen by feeling with hands

Parity the number of babies you already have had

Pre-eclampsia a condition that typically occurs after 20 weeks of pregnancy, it is a combination of raised blood pressure and protein in the urine

Placenta the baby's lifeline to you, also known as after-birth

Posterior the unborn baby is lying with its spine alongside mother's spine. This can cause backache in labour

Postnatal period of time after the birth of the baby

Presentation the position of the baby in the uterus before the birth (referred to as vertex, breech, transverse)

Primary maternity carer the health care professional providing the majority of your maternity care

Primigravida woman pregnant for the first time

Private midwifery care antenatal care is provided by a private midwife or group of midwives in collaboration with doctors in the event of identified risk factors

Private obstetrician and privately practising midwife joint care antenatal care is provided by a privately practising obstetrician and midwife from the same collaborative private practice

Private obstetrician (specialist) care antenatal care provided by a private specialist obstetrician

Public hospital high risk maternity care antenatal care is provided to women with medical high risk / complex pregnancies by maternity care providers (specialist obstetricians and / or maternal-fetal medicine subspecialists in collaboration with midwives)

Public hospital maternity care antenatal care is provided in hospital outpatient clinics (either onsite or outreach) by midwives and / or doctors

Remote area maternity care antenatal care is provided in remote communities by a remote area midwife (or a remote area nurse) in collaboration with a remote area nurse and / or doctor

Rubella German measles, a disease that can cause major abnormalities in an unborn baby

Shared care antenatal care is provided by a community maternity service provider (doctor and / or midwife) in collaboration with hospital medical and / or midwifery staff

Spontaneous labour labour that occurs naturally

STI sexually transmitted infections: includes syphilis, gonorrhoea, chlamydia and herpes

SIDS sudden infant death syndrome

SUDI sudden unexplained death in infancy

T, FT, Term full-term, baby is due to be born (37–42 weeks)

Team midwifery care antenatal care is provided by a small team of rostered midwives in collaboration with doctors in the event of identified risk factors

TENS (Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation) machine non-invasive device, using small (non-painful) electrical messages to ease or manage pain

Transverse unborn baby is lying crossways in the uterus

UNICEF United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

US, scan, ultrasound sound waves passed across the mother's abdomen are used to make pictures of the unborn baby

Uterine size size of the uterus relative to stage of pregnancy

Uterus, womb hollow muscle in which the baby grows

UTI urinary tract infection

VE vaginal examination (an internal check of the mothers cervix)

Venous Thrombus embolism a blood clot in a vein

Ventouse / Vacuum extraction suction cap to baby's head to assist birth

Vx, Vertex unborn baby is lying head down in the uterus – the most common position for birth

WHO World Health Organization

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