

Care of a woman who presents to an emergency department requesting a termination of pregnancy

Information for Hospital and Health Services

By treating termination of pregnancy as a health issue, women will be afforded timely access to care and evidence-based information as essential components of good quality healthcare.

Should a woman present to the emergency department (ED) and request a termination of pregnancy (ToP), every effort should be made to assist the woman with no loss to her privacy and dignity.

All health care services should ensure that women have access to safe and appropriate ToP services through direct local service provision or through well-developed referral processes and pathways to external services.

Managing requests for termination of pregnancy

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Refer to the <i>Queensland Clinical Guideline: Termination of pregnancy</i> when providing care to women requesting termination of pregnancy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support women who do not have financial or other barriers to termination of pregnancy to access (where possible) appropriate private/not-for-profit providers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop and communicate priority access pathways that take into consideration women with complex needs, marginalised/disadvantaged women, young women and women with a health care card and no financial means for a private provider. Publish priority access pathways on the HHS website and make the information available to 13HEALTH and other relevant partnering agencies e.g. Children by Choice, True relationships and reproductive health.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Establish (where possible) a documented process in partnership with (on call) social work team to attend the woman and manage the referral as and when necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop a documented process so that if a woman presents after hours, she is followed up the next day.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop a contact list of private service providers who provide clinical services (MToP and SToP).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop a documented process for referring woman to a service that meets their clinical requirements, including providing access to PTSS as and when necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide/establish access to telehealth consultations as and when required.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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