

MIDWIFERY ADMISSION GUIDELINE

This LOP is developed to guide clinical practice at the Royal Hospital for Women. Individual patient circumstances may mean that practice diverges from this LOP.

1. AIM

- Woman admitted to the Birthing Services will have a comprehensive midwifery assessment completed, which will inform and guide the midwifery and medical plan of care

2. PATIENT

- Pregnant woman

3. STAFF

- Midwives
- Student midwives under the guidance of a midwife

4. EQUIPMENT

5. CLINICAL PRACTICE

- Take a comprehensive midwifery assessment including but not limited to:
 - Reason for presentation
 - Current and previous obstetric history, review of medical record / antenatal card
 - Investigations
 - Emotional / psychosocial wellbeing
- Take maternal observations, including temperature, pulse, blood pressure and urine analysis, abdominal palpation, assessment of contractions and vaginal loss
- Perform vaginal examination if indicated
- Perform Cardiotocograph (CTG) if indicated
- Discuss with the woman and her support people birth plans and individual requests (pain relief options, position for birth, access to bath, cultural or religious requirements) if in labour
- Document the midwifery assessment findings within the integrated clinical notes, including a midwifery plan of care
- Use the midwifery assessment as a tool to inform members of the multidisciplinary team as required
- Determine as per ACM Guidelines for consultation and referral if medical review is required or discharge with follow up plan if appropriate

6. DOCUMENTATION

- Integrated Clinical Notes
- Admission sheet
- ObstetriX
- Antenatal Yellow Card

7. EDUCATIONAL NOTES

- A guiding principle to the midwifery admission is the concept and philosophy of woman centred care
- Comprehensive assessment allows midwifery staff to recognise deviations from low risk and refer to the multidisciplinary team appropriately.

CLINICAL POLICIES, PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

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8. RELATED POLICIES / PROCEDURES / CLINICAL PRACTICE LOP

- Intrapartum Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring
- Antenatal Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring
- ACM Guidelines
- Vaginal Examination

9. REFERENCES

- 1 Hundley, V.A., Milne, J.M., Glazener, C.M.A. & Mollison, J. (1997). Satisfaction and the three C's, continuity, choice and control. Women's views from a randomised controlled trial of midwife-led care. *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, 104(11): 1273 – 1280
- 2 RCOG (2001). The Use of Electronic Fetal Monitoring. Evidence Based Guideline Number 8 Clinical Effectiveness Support Unit, RCOG Press 2001
- 3 ACM Guidelines Addition 3 2013

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