

**ANTENATAL VISITS PROVIDED IN THE COMMUNITY GUIDELINE**

**1. OPTIMAL OUTCOMES**

- Antenatal visits provided in an appropriate community based setting.

**2. PATIENT**

- Woman receiving care from a Midwifery Group Practice (MGP)

**3. STAFF**

- MGP registered midwife
- Student Midwife who is working with a MGP registered midwife

**4. EQUIPMENT**

- Sphygmomanometer
- Doppler
- Mobile Phone
- Medical Records
- Sterile and non sterile gloves
- Lubricant
- Venepuncture equipment
- Vaginal swab
- Yellow top sterile specimen container for mid stream urine collection
- Pathology forms
- Plastic specimen transport bags
- Small portable sharps container
- Small Esky and ice block for transport of specimens

**5. CLINICAL PRACTICE**

- Offer woman the option of a daytime antenatal visit in her home or community clinic if it is convenient and acceptable to both midwife and the woman
- Ensure OHS risk assessment is completed prior to attending visit at woman's home
- Notify another midwife by phone or text message of your intention to visit woman in her home, including woman's name and address
- Do not give Anti D in the community setting
- Perform and document visit as per usual practice
- Recommend transfer to hospital if further consultation required
- Notify midwife of your departure from woman's home
- Transport any specimens back to hospital in an esky with ice block
- Transport any equipment used in woman's home back to hospital for safe disposal or storage

**6. HAZARDS/SUB-OPTIMAL OUTCOMES**

- OHS risk assessment is not completed prior to home visit
- Midwife unable to provide a home visit upon request

**7. DOCUMENTATION**

- Antenatal hospital record
- Yellow card
- OHS risk assessment form

**8. EDUCATIONAL NOTES**

- Offering a visit in the woman's home provides the midwife with the opportunity to
  - discuss early/pre labour management techniques
  - assess possibility of offering early labour assessment in the woman's home
  - discuss early transfer home post partum

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**CLINICAL POLICIES, PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES**

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**ANTENATAL VISITS PROVIDED IN THE COMMUNITY GUIDELINE cont'd**

**9. RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES/CLINICALGUIDELINES**

- Early labour assessment in the woman's home
- Antenatal visit schedule for a woman with a low risk pregnancy
- ACM guidelines for consultation and referral
- Blood pressure measurement on a pregnant woman
- Vaginal examination

**10. REFERENCES**

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