



Notification of new, updated and withdrawn guidelines April 2025

Obstetrics and Gynaecology Directorate

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Anaesthetics

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Nil

Community Midwifery Program (CMP)

Nil

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Born Before Arrival: Admission Procedure

- Under heading "Criteria for admission to the Postnatal Ward, addition of "Suturing may be completed in EC or LBS"

Cord Prolapse: Umbilical

- Major review of content in line with international guidelines. Updated links, references and content refreshed and formatted to meet KEMH and OPH requirements.
- Quick reference guide algorithm update: Position of woman changed from exaggerated SIMs position, to knee-chest, face-down or left lateral position with hips raised.
- Inclusion (with permission) from Practical Obstetric Multi-Professional Training (PROMPT) Maternity Foundation to use "Management Algorithm for Umbilical Cord Prolapse" and edited to align to WNHS model of care, including Calling Code Blue

Haemoglobinopathy Screening and Management in Pregnancy

- Guideline moved from O&G guideline set to Blood Management Committee ownership. Title changed to 'Haemoglobinopathy Screening and Management in Pregnancy'.
- Guideline reviewed- made more succinct, with updated formatting.



- Page 3 under geographical distribution the first dot point “the most common mutation” has been added
- Reference to the word ‘black’ has been removed and just the country or region included for populations at risk
- Flow chart tidied up, and terminology maternal and partner used throughout

Labour: First Stage and Management of Delay

- Content from three clinical guidelines relating to the first stage of labour, delay in first stage and use of the partogram have been contemporised and amalgamated
- Review and streamline of content
- Definition of latent first phase of labour clarified, with consideration for the impact on low-risk settings, such as the family birth unit for increased medical intervention, to ensuring consistency of definitions across clinical practice guidelines to improve clarity of direction to staff. **[RCA recommendation]**
- Partogram practice updated- now using electronic PIP alongside contemporised World Health Organisation Labour Care Guide and recommendations.

Preterm Birth Prevention

- Amalgamated three guidelines into one (low, moderate and high risk pathways) for women at risk of preterm birth
- Content reviewed and updated- read guideline
- Added link to the Cervical Cerclage Clinical Practice Guideline

Vaccinations

- Replaced guideline content with direct link to Australian Government Immunisation Handbook, with links to the relevant sections to assist WNHS staff:
 - Vaccination for Women who are Planning Pregnancy, Pregnant or Breastfeeding
 - Vaccination for Preterm Infants
 - Fundamentals of Immunisation
 - Vaccination Procedures
 - Reporting and Managing Adverse Vaccination Events

Vitamin B12 Deficiency: Management During Pregnancy

- Guideline moved from Obstetrics and Gynaecology to Blood Management Department.
- Review and update of content by key specialists in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Pharmacy and Haematology/Blood Management.
- Endorsed midwives can also prescribe Vitamin B12.



Perioperative Services

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Surgical Safety Checklist **[NEW]**

- First version created to outline the mandatory requirements and steps for the multi-disciplinary team to use when confirming patient consent prior to surgical or procedural treatment; minimise the most common and avoidable risks associated with surgery and improve the safety of surgical care for the patient; and, to increase teamwork and communication in surgery amongst the multi-disciplinary team

Medical Imaging

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Nil

WNS Osborne Park Hospital

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Nil

Withdrawn guidelines

Withdrawn due to amalgamation with another topic

These 3 guidelines have been **amalgamated** and content moved into the guideline '**Preterm Birth Prevention**' as described above:

1. **Preterm Birth Prevention: Low Risk Women Pathway**
2. **Preterm Birth Prevention: Moderate Risk Women Pathway**
3. **Preterm Birth Prevention: High Risk Women Pathway**

These 3 guidelines have been **amalgamated** and content moved into the guideline '**Labour: First Stage and Management of Delay**' as described above

1. **Labour: First Stage**
2. **Labour: First stage: Management of Delay**
3. **Labour: Partogram**

Other departments- Updated procedures

Blood Management Department

1. **Haemoglobinopathy Screening and Management in Pregnancy**
 - Guideline moved from O&GD to Blood Management department- changes as



described above

2. Vitamin B12 Deficiency: Management During Pregnancy

- Guideline moved from O&GD to Blood Management department- changes as described above

Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS)- Neonatology guideline updates

For changes to [neonatology](#) and [neonatology postnatal ward](#) guidelines, refer to the right hand side of the [neonatology](#) guideline hub page.

Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGH / OPH) guideline updates

Some guidelines at KEMH and / or OPH link to SCGH guidelines for non- obstetric / gynaecology topics (e.g. TPN, stoma, wound, bowel care). Refer to [SCGOPHCG updates](#) if relevant.

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