**SHARED MATERNITY CARE AGREEMENT 2023-2025**

**As a Shared Maternity Care Affiliate of Mercy Hospital for Women, Werribee Mercy Hospital, The Royal Women’s Hospital, Western Health and Northern Health, I agree to all of the following undertakings:**

* I will review the hospitals’ guidelines for Shared Maternity Care Affiliates available via hospital websites
* I will observe hospital guidelines in respect of mutual patients, including criteria for hospital review/referral and sharing investigation results and management
* A copy of this form will be readily available at my practice for administration and other staff
* I will participate in appropriate continuing professional development for the provision of shared maternity care
* I will ensure the hospitals have up to date preferred contact information (telephone, postal address, email)
* If provided, I will ensure the facsimile number given applies to a machine that is in a private location and procedures for handling patient information comply with privacy principles and legislation
* My Medical Registration is current and without conditions and I will notify the hospitals if my registration is suspended, cancelled or has restrictions imposed
* My Medical Indemnity Insurance will be maintained at an adequate level of cover for the duration of my participation in shared maternity care
* I will keep appropriate clinical records and communicate care to the hospitals
* I will make appropriate arrangements for continuing care with a credentialed Shared Maternity Care Affiliate or the hospital where the woman is booked for birth when I am on leave or ill
* I acknowledge the hospitals conduct research activities and quality assurance programs and that Shared Maternity Care Affiliate or patient participation may be requested
* I authorise the hospitals and their General Practice Liaison Units/Shared Care teams to discuss details of my provision of shared maternity care, both within the hospitals and between hospitals
* I authorise the hospitals to exchange details about my credentialing, including contact details
* I authorise the hospitals to publicly publish and provide women and their families with my practice details, and languages spoken
* I will not provide intrapartum care for women who are booked for maternity care or undertaking shared maternity care with the hospitals (except where I am employed by the relevant hospital with this scope of practice)
* I understand that Shared Maternity Care Affiliates found not to be adhering to guidelines and acceptable standards of quality of care may have their credentialing status reviewed and revoked
* For General Practitioners first credentialed as a shared maternity care affiliate from 1 January 2014: I confirm that I undertake shared maternity care with the hospitals whilst working from a practice accredited against the RACGP Standards for general practice, and will inform the hospitals if I am no longer working at a practice that is currently accredited against the RACGP Standards for General Practice

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