

SHARED MATERNITY CARE AT THE WOMEN'S

What is shared maternity care?

With shared maternity care, the Women's Hospital and your chosen GP (family doctor), obstetrician or community midwife 'share your care' during your pregnancy.

For most of your routine pregnancy appointments you will see or have a telephone/teleconference with your GP/obstetrician/midwife.

You will also have some appointments at the Women's.

Why choose shared care?

Shared care is a popular choice for healthy women with a normal pregnancy. In choosing shared care you:

- » have most of your care close to your home or work
- » build a relationship with your doctor and continue to see them after your baby is born
- » have fewer hospital visits.

Shared care doctors and midwives may charge some out-of-pocket fees. Please discuss this with your shared care doctor/midwife.

If you develop problems during your pregnancy and shared care is not suitable, we will change your model of care.

Shared care information

When you start shared care, the Shared Care Coordinator will mail you by post a folder containing:

- » your pregnancy record
- » a maternity wheel that includes your hospital appointment times
- » a schedule of visits for your pregnancy care (this form)
- » forms for your 26-27 weeks diabetes and others tests to be done in the community

You will need to organise your own shared care doctor/midwife appointments.

It is important to collect your visit notes and these to all your shared care and hospital appointments, including when you come in to have your baby. This is how the doctors and midwives communicate about your care.

Please use your My Health Record (MHR) and encourage your shared care doctor/midwife to upload visit notes and test results to MHR.

Your hospital appointments and information

On Health Hub you can access the "Pregnancy Education Companion" that tells you about what you can expect in pregnancy, view your hospital notes, results and appointments (excluding ultrasound).

Go to: www.thewomens.org.au/patients-visitors/parkville-health-hub

COVID-19

To keep up with the latest guidance for patients and visitors, see the COVID-19 Information Hub on the Women's website.

To keep you and others safe:

- Please contact your care provider by phone before your visit if you are unwell or have tested positive for COVID
- Practice good hand and personal hygiene and social distancing, including at your pregnancy visits

Childbirth education and hospital tours

Please see the hospital website for a hospital virtual tour, childbirth education videos or to book online childbirth education classes.

For more information

Shared Maternity Care Coordinator
The Royal Women's Hospital
Tel: (03) 8345 2129 Fax: (03) 8345 2130
Email: sharedcare@thewomens.org.au

Other important contacts:

Website: www.thewomens.org.au

Hospital Switchboard: (03) 8345 2000

In labour? (03) 8345 3635

NOTE

- » The hospital will organise your hospital appointments
- » You need to organise your appointments with your shared care doctor/midwife
- » Please collect your visit notes and bring them to all your appointments
- » Please ask your shared care doctor/midwife to upload your visit notes and tests results to your My Health Record

Your shared care doctor/midwife is:

(Affix label here)

SCHEDULE OF VISITS: (Routine. Blood Group Rh Positive)

Initial visits to GP for confirmation, tests and referral (Some visits may be non-face to face)	Visit/s to your GP for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Initial antenatal tests*» Down syndrome test (if you choose, this is ordered by your GP)*» Referral to the Royal Women's Hospital, which includes: your expected date of delivery, blood pressure, Body Mass Index (BMI), history and test results
15–20 Weeks (May be non-face to face)	You will have your first visit at the Royal Women's Hospital where you will also have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Additional antenatal tests as required*
16 Weeks	Visit your shared care doctor/midwife (to be booked by you)
20–22 Weeks: Ultrasound of your baby (usually in the community and ordered by your shared care doctor/midwife)*	
22 Weeks	Visit your shared care doctor/midwife (to be booked by you)
26–27 Weeks: Test for diabetes, full blood examination, blood antibodies* - a slip will be given to you at the hospital. You can have this done at any pathology laboratory in the community (best to book). You need to fast from midnight – water is fine to drink. Allow 2 hours for this test. Please do this about a week before your hospital visit.	
28 Weeks	Visit your shared care doctor/midwife (to be booked by you)
<i>At about 28 weeks a hospital midwife will contact you to discuss having your baby at the Women's and going home with your baby.</i>	
<i>After 20 weeks you should have a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccination with your shared care doctor/midwife. During your pregnancy you should have an influenza (flu) vaccination with your shared care doctor/midwife.</i>	
32 Weeks	Visit your shared care doctor/midwife (to be booked by you)
34 Weeks	Visit your shared care doctor/midwife (to be booked by you)
36 Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Visit with hospital doctor for a check» Vaginal swab for Group B Strep*
38 Weeks	Visit your shared care doctor/midwife (to be booked by you)
39-40 Weeks	Visit your shared care doctor/midwife (to be booked by you)
41 Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» If you have not had your baby you will be seen at the hospital» At this visit you may have tests to check the baby's heart rate and amount of fluid around your baby
After the birth	Follow-up postnatal appointment with your GP

● Shared maternity care affiliate visit (doctor/midwife)

● Hospital Visit * Tests