



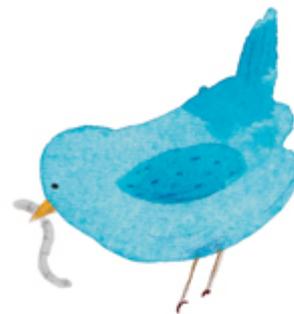
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# GP News

Connecting healthcare for the benefit of patients

Strengthening  
hospital  
responses to  
family violence



Resources for health professionals

Funded by the Victorian Government, the Women's has worked in collaboration with Bendigo Health to develop a series of tools to help hospitals across Victoria further strengthen their response to family violence. The primary focus of the Strengthening Hospital Responses to Family Violence (SHRFV) tool kit is violence against women and their children. Work is underway to cover all forms of family violence. A refined edition of the tool kit will be available for free download from 17 August 2016.

In a joint appointment by the Women's and the University of Melbourne, Professor Kelsey Hegarty was appointed Australia's first chair of Family Violence Prevention in May 2016.

[...read more](#)

Changes to women's health referral process

A suite of pathways related to women's health is now live on the [HealthPathways Melbourne](#) website. Health professionals can email to [request a username and password](#).

The Women's clinical team will triage referrals against criteria in HealthPathways Melbourne. If further care in general practice appears appropriate an outpatient appointment will not be made. Referring doctors and women will be contacted so care can continue in a primary care setting.

Referring doctors are always invited to resubmit referrals with further information if they assess that a woman's health care needs are better met at the Women's specialist outpatients.

Women's HealthPathways include:

- Chronic vulvovaginal candidiasis
- Dysmenorrhoea
- Fibroids
- Heavy or irregular menses
- Intermenstrual or post coital bleeding
- Menopause
- Hormone Replacement Therapy
- Ovarian cyst
- Endometriosis
- Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
- Post-menopausal bleeding
- Pruritus vulvae
- Pelvic organ prolapse
- Ring pessaries
- Termination of Pregnancy (TOP)
- Urinary incontinence in women
- Vulval and vaginal pain (Vulvodynia)

### **Change to named referral**

Congratulations to Dr Penny Sheehan who has been named the new Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Women's at Sandringham. Penny Sheehan is also head of the Green Team at the Women's Hospital.

As some of our maternity clinics are MBS billed clinics; all referrals therefore need to be addressed to Dr Penny Sheehan.

### **Interpreter requirement**

Please remember to indicate on your referrals if an interpreter is required or not. If not stated, we assume one is required and therefore allocate an appointment when our in-house interpreters are available. This may make waiting times longer for women who do not require an interpreter.

## Well Women's Clinic closure

The Well Women's Clinic has now ceased. Women who require 'Well Women Checks' and advice such as Pap tests, contraception advice and STI screening are encouraged to contact their GP.

This decision has been made in order to encourage women to appropriately consult their GP for primary care services and to reallocate resources to two other women's clinics catering for disadvantaged women in our community. These clinics are the African Women's Clinic (provides education and de-infibulation services) and the new Rapid Access Clinic that provides healthcare and support to homeless women.

## Relocation of day chemotherapy services to Peter Mac

The Women's Chemotherapy Service transferred to the new Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) building on Monday 11 July. The Royal Melbourne Hospital's same-day cancer service will relocate to the VCCC on Monday 1 August consolidating the precinct's same-day services.

Although we are sad to see the service close at the Women's we know our patients receive great care in the new VCCC location.

## Having your baby at the Women's

The booklet, *Having your baby at the Women's* has been updated. Women receive a copy of the booklet at their first antenatal clinic appointment at the hospital. The booklet provides a useful guide for women, and their carers, throughout the pregnancy. Women are encouraged to bring the booklet to all of their appointments so that clinical staff and patients can review the information together. The booklet *Caesarean section* is also under review and will be available by September 2016.

## Multiple Pregnancy - CME Symposium

### Contemporary Issues in Clinical Obstetrics: Multiple pregnancy

**Date:** Wednesday 10 August 2016-07-22

**Time:** 1730-2030

**Place:** Charles LaTrobe Lecture Theatre  
Ground Floor, Royal Melbourne Hospital  
Cnr Grattan St and Flemington Rd, Parkville

*Attendees will obtain 4 pregnancy related CPD points for reaccreditation as a shared maternity care affiliate at the Women's for the 2017-2019 triennium.*

Registrations are essential. To book your place please email [jo.bruhn@thewomens.org.au](mailto:jo.bruhn@thewomens.org.au)

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## On the Women's website

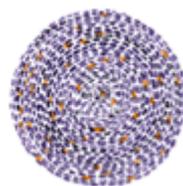
### Newborn intensive care

- information for patients and visitor about about the Women's newborn intensive care units (NICU) has been refreshed

## Most popular health information on our website



Contraception



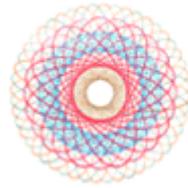
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