



Notification of new, updated and withdrawn guidelines Mar 2024

Obstetrics and Gynaecology Directorate

Clinical Midwifery/Nurse Specialist – Guidelines and Quality

Anaesthetics

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Nil

Community Midwifery Program (CMP)

Nil

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Abortion and Perinatal Loss Medications (Mifepristone and Misoprostol) [Restricted Area guideline]

- First version. Content moved out from within 'Mid-trimester Pregnancy Loss' to a standalone document when new abortion guidelines created and Mid-trimester Pregnancy Loss guideline rescinded.

Induction of Labour: Methods [Restricted Area guideline]

- Minor amendment- wording amended (p10, point 1) added "SR" to align with wording in remainder of guideline

Perinatal Loss: Unexpected (Miscarriage and Stillbirth)

- Changes in WA abortion legislation led to WNHS developing new abortion guidelines and resources. Content pertaining to termination or abortion has subsequently moved out of this guideline - WNHS clinicians can refer to information on the WNHS HealthPoint 'Abortion at WNHS' webpage. Content relating to perinatal loss at all gestations is transitioning into this guideline. This version includes pregnancy loss management that was previously within 'Mid-trimester Pregnancy Loss'.
- Changes include:
 - New title and guideline restructured into early pregnancy loss $\leq 19^{+6}$ weeks and stillbirth / FDIU $\geq 20^{+0}$ weeks gestation.
 - Funeral and baptism sections removed- refer to Pastoral care



Rupture of Membranes- Spontaneous

- Due to changes from the *Abortion Legislative Reform Act 2023*, this guideline removed mention of abortion processes and panel

Section <23 weeks gestation:

- When a fetus is approaching the lower limits of viability, the obstetric team is responsible for identifying which patients remain at risk of preterm birth, noting when they enter the gestational zone where active treatment can be offered (at KEMH currently around 23 weeks) and seeking an antenatal consult by neonatology **[RCA recommendation Mar 2024]**.
- A woman at risk of birthing around 23 weeks (recognising there may be clinical condition of the woman that make steroids not a safe option for her) consideration should be given to administering antenatal corticosteroids whilst awaiting a consult from neonatology.
- If not given, revisit decision at 24 weeks gestation and arrange a second consultation with neonatology if not delivered **[RCA recommendation Mar 2024]**
- Reminder to staff on the importance of comprehensively documenting complex conversations in the patient's medical record. **[RCA recommendation Mar 2024]**

Perioperative Services

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Nil

Medical Imaging

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Fetal Interventional Procedures: Medical Credentialing and Procedural Protocols

- Feticide chapter:
 - Updated due to WA Abortion legislation reform. Removed reference to TOP panel. Notification form changed to link to eForm.
 - Added review 15-20 minutes after procedure
 - Added send to DSU if abortion will not occur on same day or hospital

WNS Osborne Park Hospital

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Nil



Withdrawn guidelines

1. **Mid-trimester Pregnancy Loss** (changes due to the abortion legislation reform have created movement of the content of this guideline. Abortion content removed (WNHS staff refer to new 'Abortion at WNHS' HealthPoint site and state guidelines); Pregnancy Choices and Abortion Care clinic content will be replaced by new local unit procedures and is no longer required; Pregnancy loss care and management content moved to retitled "Perinatal Loss: Unexpected (Miscarriage and Stillbirth) guideline as above; Medications (mifepristone and misoprostol) transferred to standalone Restricted Area Guideline as above)

Other departments- Updated procedures

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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