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2.1 Antenatal Admission
Section B
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2.1 ANTENATAL ADMISSION

AIMS

- The assessment of the maternal and fetal condition.
- To establish baseline observations.
- To determine the appropriate care the woman requires.

PROCEDURE

1. The shift co-ordinator allocates a bed to be prepared and will advise the designated midwife of the admission and any special requirements.
2. On arrival
 - Greet the woman and support persons and introduce yourself
 - Ask the woman how she wishes to be addressed.
 - Check the woman's identity with the details in the medical record and wrist band identification.
 - Escort the woman to her room. If the room is not immediately available make her comfortable in the patient lounge.
3. Explain the admission procedure to the woman. Ensure the woman understands the reason for admission.
4. Orientate the woman to the ward layout and provide information on
 - The function of the handset
 - Bathroom facilities
 - Meal times
 - Visiting hours and the rest period
 - Locked drawer and valuables
 - Television hire
 - Mobile phone use
 - The ward pantry
 - Chapel services
 - If the woman is being transferred from another area of the hospital receive a detailed handover from the accompanying staff member. This should include
 - History / reason for admission
 - Details of treatment received
 - Current condition
 - Allergies
 - Plan of care- further investigations. Ensure all necessary request forms have been completed.
 - Any special requirements e.g. religious, cultural, dietary or disability needs.
5. Perform and record maternal observations.

6. Perform and record fetal observations.
7. Notify the medical officer of the woman's arrival and any abnormalities detected.
8. Commence an appropriate plan of care.
9. Refer to the appropriate clinical guideline for ongoing care.