

## 2 COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY

### 2.3 ANTEPARTUM HAEMORRHAGE (APH)

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2.3.1.2 QRG – Subsequent management of a woman with an APH  
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#### 2.3.1.2 QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE – SUBSEQUENT MANAGEMENT OF A WOMAN WITH AN ANTEPARTUM HAEMORRHAGE

This Quick Reference Guide must be used in conjunction with its respective Clinical Guidelines, Section B 2.3.1 Management of a woman with an APH. It pertains to care of women who have had an APH and are no long actively bleeding.

Assessments and care recommended in this guide must be re-evaluated and adjusted if required, in the event of a change in maternal or fetal condition. Document and report any change to the medical team.

MATERNAL ASSESSMENT		
	FIRST 24 HOURS	SUBSEQUENTLY, If no further problems
Blood Pressure:	4 hourly	Daily
Temperature:	4 hourly	Daily
Pulse:	4 hourly	Daily
Vaginal loss:	4 hourly	4 hourly
Uterine activity:	4 hourly	4 hourly
Abdominal tenderness, pain and rigidity:	4 hourly	4hourly
Urinalysis:	On admission	Weekly
Overnight:		Between 2200hrs and 0600hrs if awake
Bowels:	Daily	Daily
FETAL ASSESSMENT		
	FIRST 24 HOURS	SUBSEQUENTLY, If no further problems
Movements:	4 hourly	4 hourly
Heart Rate:	4 hourly	BD
CTG frequency:	as ordered	as ordered
Ultrasound:	as ordered	as ordered
PROCEDURES TO BE CONSIDERED		
IV bung with 6 hourly normal saline flushes until no fresh bleeding for 24 hours Blood taken for group and hold OR crossmatch 4 units Corticosteroids Anti-D		
EDUCATION		ACTIVITY
Antepartum Haemorrhage Plan of care, tests and procedures Caesarean Section	Preterm birth Special Care Nursery Breastfeeding	Rest in bed with toilet privileges until there has been no fresh bleeding for 24 hours. Encourage the woman to wear compression stockings until fully mobile
DOCUMENTATION		REFERRALS TO BE CONSIDERED
MR285 - Observation Sheet MR810 - Medication Chart MR410 - Neonatal History Sheet MR250 - Progress Notes MR004 -Obstetric Special Instruction sheet	Baby notes prepared Perinatal Database record sheet.	Neonatologist Psychological Medicine Social Worker Aboriginal Liaison Officer Activities Coordinator Anaesthetist