COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY
PRETERM LABOUR

This Quick Reference Guide must be used in conjunction with the detailed Clinical Guidelines, Preterm Labour. Medical and midwifery staff should be familiar with the contents of the full guideline.

Woman presents to MFAU with suspected preterm labour

Confirm Gestational Age

Perform
• Baseline Maternal Vital Signs
• An Abdominal palpation
• Auscultate the fetal heart
• Obtain an MSU

Is the woman
• Contracting >1:10?
• > 30 weeks gestation
• Requesting Analgesia?

Yes
 Commence a CTG

No

Perform a speculum examination
• Note cervical dilation
• Obtain appropriate swabs

Is there evidence of cervical dilation?

Yes
 Arrange URGENT review by an Obstetric Registrar or above

No

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• The Registrar may discharge the woman if the Fetal Fibronectin is negative

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