5 INTRAPARTUM CARE

5.2 ASSESSMENT OF THE WOMAN ON ADMISSION TO LABOUR AND BIRTH SUITE

5.2.6 MANAGEMENT OF WOMEN INITIALLY BOOKED FOR CARE WITH AN ELIGIBLE MIDWIFE (EM) BUT REQUIRING CARE THROUGH KEMH

KEY WORDS
Eligible midwife, tertiary care, KEMH, labour and birth suite

AIM
To ensure the appropriate management and provision of care for a woman who requires care at King Edward Memorial Hospital, but was originally booked for care with an Eligible Midwife.

KEY POINTS

- KEMH will only undertake care of women previously booked with an eligible midwife, who
  - are deemed to be in need of tertiary level hospital care.
  - have been assessed as being outside of the scope of midwifery care and are within the KEMH catchment area.

- Women who require hospital based care and who do not meet the above criteria are to be transferred to the appropriate secondary hospital under the care of their nominated medical practitioner.

- Any woman who requires care at KEMH will come under the clinical governance of KEMH and the team/clinic which reviewed her.

- The woman who only needs to be seen at booking, 36 weeks and at term can continue to receive antenatal care from the Eligible Midwife under shared care arrangements. All attendance at KEMH for clinical review will be under the jurisdiction of the booking team as a KEMH patient.
• The Eligible Midwife may accompany the woman to her antenatal assessment and review when she is being seen at KEMH.

• All presentations to MFAU will be under the care of KEMH medical staff not the Eligible Midwife.

• The Eligible Midwife will be employed at KEMH through the casual midwifery arrangements. The Eligible Midwife’s practice will be governed by KEMH policy and guidelines while he/she is an employee of KEMH.

• The EM will inform the CMM/CMC in Labour and Birth Suite of her arrival and departure from the unit. Out of hours he/she will inform the shift co-ordinator (L&BS) and the Hospital Clinical Manager.

• After the birth, if the woman is deemed clinically suitable for discharge, the woman and her baby will be discharged back into the care of the eligible midwife to continue her postnatal care at home.

• When the woman is booked for induction of labour (IOL) the Eligible Midwife may elect not to be a part of this process until the woman is in labour.

• When the woman is in established labour after an IOL the Eligible Midwife may attend and care for the woman (as a casual KEMH employee). He/she will work under KEMH clinical governance and follow the KEMH policies and guidelines whilst she is attending the woman.

• If the woman is booked for an elective caesarean section the Eligible Midwife can be the midwife in attendance as an KEMH casual midwife.

• All management plans and decisions involving the woman, will be undertaken by the medical staff working in Labour & Birth Suite/MFAU while she is in their care.

• The mother and baby shall be discharged home in the care of the EM from Labour and Birth Suite within 4 – 6 hours, providing this is clinically appropriate.

• If the woman and her baby are not suitable for discharge, they will be transferred to a postnatal ward at KEMH, until such time that the woman can be discharged into the care of the Eligible Midwife. KEMH midwives shall provide the clinical care during this time.

• Eligible Midwives will not work longer than 12 hours. If an EM is fatigued due to other work commitments, he/she is not to continue providing clinical care but may remain as a support person if requested to.

• If, after working the 12 hours, the birth is not imminent, the woman’s care will be handed over to another KEMH midwife. This may be another EM who is employed in a casual position at KEMH.

• The EM shall be responsible and accountable for the appropriateness and quality of his/her professional practice. The EM will have completed the compulsory and other annual inservice requirements of KEMH.

• Postnatal care in the community shall be provided by the EM.
TRANSFER BACK TO THE ELIGIBLE MIDWIFE FROM KEMH

POSTNATAL DISCHARGES

- Fax a copy of the STORK discharge printout to the EM office.
- Provide a copy of the STORK printout to the woman to take home.
- Page the on-call EM and request him/her to call KEMH on the appropriate unit number for discharge details.

See Clinical Guideline A. 2.6.7.1 DISCHARGE OF A PATIENT FROM LABOUR & BIRTH SUITE (L&BS), THE MATERNAL FETAL ASSESSMENT UNIT (MFAU) AND EMERGENCY CENTRE (EC) AT KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL and A. 2.6.7.2 MIDWIFERY / NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

DOCUMENTATION

- Entry of data into STORK is done by the Eligible Midwife as per KEMH practice.
- All other documentation is as per the relevant KEMH guidelines.

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