

5 INTRAPARTUM CARE

5.23 INCARCERATED WOMEN PRESENTING IN EARLY OR SPURIOUS LABOUR

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AIM

The appropriate management of incarcerated women who present to KEMH in early or spurious labour.

PROCEDURE

1. All incarcerated women who present in possible labour shall be assessed as per clinical guideline [B 5.2.1 Assessment of the woman in labour](#)
2. The woman should be admitted overnight for ongoing observation rather than returning her to the correctional facility, as there is no access to midwifery care at correctional facilities overnight and the women are locked in their cell and report that it may take time for their bell to be answered. Arranging ambulance transfers and appropriate escorts can also take considerable time. It may be safer to induce rather than send back to the correctional facility.
3. The woman shall have consultant review before being discharged from KEMH.
4. See Department of Corrective Service [Policy Directive No 44 Escorting and Supervision of Pregnant or Postnatal Prisoners](#) for information regarding the responsibilities of Department of Corrective Services Escorts.