



CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Born before arrival (BBA): Admission procedure

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On arrival

- On arrival, the woman is transferred to the appropriate area for ongoing care following assessment in the Emergency Centre.
 - **Note:** women booked to birth at the Family Birth Centre (FBC) can be admitted directly to the FBC if the Ambulance staff feel this is appropriate after individualised assessment.

Mother

Criteria for admission to the Labour and Birth Suite (LBS)

- Retained or in situ placenta.
- Woman's condition is unstable.

Criteria for admission to the Postnatal Ward

- Not requiring suturing.
- Third stage complete.
- No excessive vaginal bleeding (blood loss <500ml or no ongoing vaginal bleeding/ trickling).
- Observations are satisfactory.

Criteria for admission to the FBC

- Woman's condition is stable and she feels well.
- No excessive vaginal bleeding (blood loss <500ml or no ongoing vaginal bleeding/ trickling).

Baby

Note: See also [Neonatal Care: Observations](#) Guideline for admission to postnatal ward, e.g. if meconium present at birth

Criteria for admission to the LBS

- If the mother is admitted to Labour and Birth Suite.

Criteria for admission to the Postnatal Ward

- If the mother is admitted to Postnatal Ward and
- Observations are satisfactory. For additional observations required (e.g. for meconium stained liquor, GBS) see also [Neonatal Care: Observations](#) guideline.

Criteria for admission to the FBC

- If the mother is admitted to FBC and
- Observations are within normal limits

Criteria for admission to the Special Care Nursery (SCN)

- As per [Neonatology guidelines: Admission to NICU: Level of Care](#).

Documentation

1. As per KEMH Clinical Guideline: Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Labour & Birth: **Birth Notification**
2. The midwife caring for the woman, i.e. in Labour and Birth Suite, FBC or the Postnatal Ward, completes the documentation and STORK entry and ensures that the details are forwarded to Labour and Birth Suite for entry in the register..
3. A midwife shall inspect the placenta (as per KEMH Clinical Guideline Obstetrics & Gynaecology: Labour & Birth: [Third Stage](#)) and include the details in the Labour and Birth Summary (MR230.01).
4. The delivered placenta shall be forwarded to Labour and Birth Suite with 3 addressograph labels.





Related WNHS policies, procedures and guidelines

Clinical guidelines:

- Obstetrics & Gynaecology:
 - [Admission](#): Patient admission and booking procedure
 - Labour & Birth: [Birth Notification](#); [Third Stage](#)
 - [Neonatal Care: Observations](#)

[Neonatology](#): Admission guidelines: [Admission to NICU: Level of Care](#).

[Patient Flow and Bed Management Unit](#) Health point hub page [Intranet access only]

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