



CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

# Review at another hospital: Obstetrics & gynaecology

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## Aim

- To provide guidance to both KEMH and external staff on the process in the event of a request to review an obstetric or gynaecology patient at another adult tertiary hospital

## Process

1. **Requests from adult tertiary hospitals for patient review or care, of either an obstetric or gynaecology patient, MUST be made by the referring Consultant or Senior Registrar (SR) to the on call:**
  - **SR, Obstetric Consultant OR Gynaecology Consultant**  
**Contact-** KEMH switchboard 6458 2222
2. The KEMH Obstetrics / Gynaecology Consultant will decide what assessment and care is required including:
  - what staff are required - Obstetrician, Midwife, Gynaecologist
  - timeframe for care
  - instructions for escalation of care
3. In the event of high acuity the referring medical staff may be put through to the SR, the situation is discussed with the SR, who **MUST** liaise with their Consultant with the following information from the referring hospital:
  - name of patient, date of birth and UMRN
  - location of patient
  - condition of patient
  - gestation (if pregnant)
  - name and contact details of referring doctor responsible for the patient
4. A record of the telephone conversation on the Consultation Request Form must be filled out. Photocopy and fax to site to put into patients hospital record correspondence section
5. The above information is to be documented and placed in the KEMH patient medical records; in the event of no existing clinical record for the woman then one will be created.

6. The obstetric / gynaecology patient becomes an outlier of the team of the Consultant on duty for Labour and Birth Suite unless it is felt, in consultation with sub-specialist colleagues that care is best taken over by another team.
7. If the request is for the transfer of a patient to KEMH, see KEMH Clinical Guideline: Obstetrics & Gynaecology: [External Calls: Obstetric & Gynaecology Registrars Receiving](#).

## Documentation

- **All treatment and advice is to be documented in the patient medical records at the referring site to ensure a complete set of records are maintained**
- In addition to documenting in the site's notes, Visiting Midwifery Service (VMS) staff also complete the 'Visiting Midwifery Service Follow-up' (MR 255) (VMS progress notes) which are kept by VMS and taken to the VMS office
- See also points 4 & 5 above

## Equipment

### Available from Labour and Birth Suite / KEMH

#### Midwifery review of antenatal patient

- Equipment as required- available at KEMH

#### Caesarean section (equipment available at KEMH to take for patient having CS):

- Balfour retractor
- Green Armitage clamps
- Post-partum haemorrhage management items (B lynch suture, Bakri balloon)
- Medications including oxytocin, carboprost, ergometrine

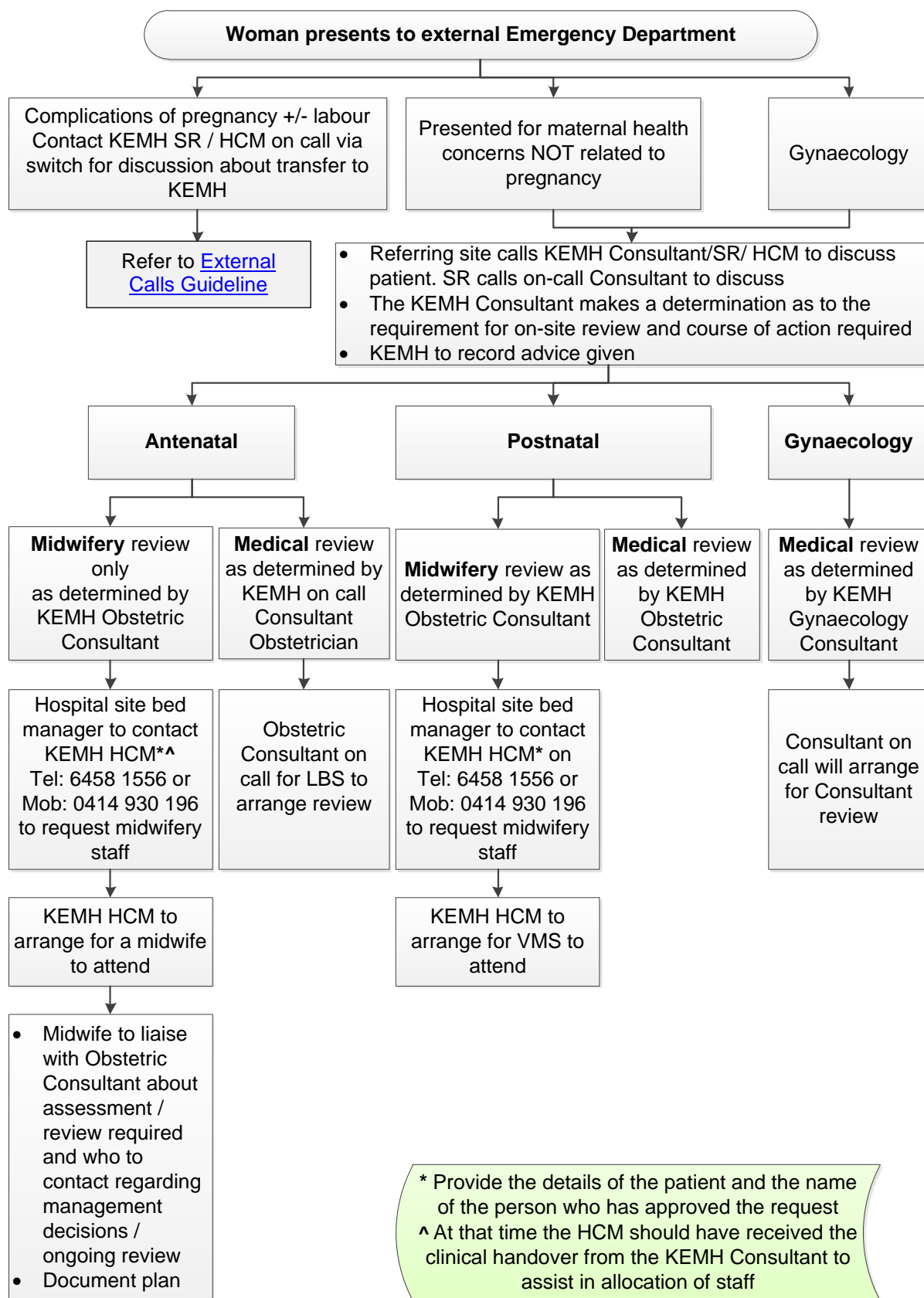
#### Gynaecology review

- Equipment as required- available at KEMH

### Available on-site at adult tertiary hospitals

- Basic obstetrics and gynaecology equipment should also be on site at all adult tertiary hospitals
- Basic equipment would include items for managing post-partum haemorrhage
- Ideally equipment should be available in readily identifiable boxes in Emergency Departments (ED) at other adult tertiary hospitals, principally for use by their own staff in preliminary assessment of the obstetric / gynaecological patient
- A CTG machine is available at SCGH Emergency Department- request SCGH staff to arrange prior to attending

## Review of a patient in another hospital flowchart




**Abbreviations-** CTG- cardiotocography; HCM- Hospital Clinical Manager; LBS- Labour & Birth Suite; SR- Senior Registrar; SRM- Senior Registered Midwife; VMS- Visiting Midwifery Service

## Related WNHS policies, procedures and guidelines

KEMH Clinical Guidelines, Obstetrics & Gynaecology:

- [Transfer of a Critically Unwell Patient to an ICU at another Hospital](#)
- [External Calls: Registrars Receiving](#)

## Useful resources

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