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Hospital Based Midwifery Group Practice: Criteria

Scope (Staff):	WNHS hospital-based midwifery group practice (MGP) midwives
Scope (Area):	Obstetrics and Gynaecology Directorate clinical areas at WNHS (KEMH and OPH)

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Hospital based MGP's are 'all risk' models of care, with midwives providing women-centred care across the continuum in collaboration with an obstetric team as required.

Exclusion criteria

- Shared Care with General Practitioner (GP) or Privately Practicing Midwife (PPM)
- Women who meet the criteria for WANDAS, CAMI and Adolescent Clinic. AMGP may consider inclusion of these women.
- OPH - Women who meet the criteria for OPH, see: [Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria for Obstetrics and Gynaecology Services at OPH \(OPH\)](#)

Inclusion criteria

- In reference to the [ACM National Midwifery Guidelines for Consultation and Referral \(2021\) \(external website\)](#), MGP midwives will assume **midwifery** care of women who are level 'A,' 'B' or 'C.' When a variance is identified during a woman's care, midwives use clinical assessment and judgement to determine the appropriate level of consultation and/or referral.
 - Level A: Midwife provides primary care and responsibility during woman's maternity care.
 - Level B: Midwife will **consult with** a relevant medical practitioner or health care provider and develop a collaborative plan with the midwifery and obstetric teams.











- Level C: The Midwife will **refer** a woman's care to a relevant medical practitioner or health care provider. A care plan will be developed with the midwifery and obstetric teams and the midwife will continue to provide care with documented care plan led by the medical team.
- Able to attend all routine antenatal appointments per the Antenatal guideline: [Midwifery Care Flowchart](#).

Allocation

- KEMH
 - Priority given to clients residing within KEMH catchment.
 - Clients residing outside of catchment may be considered depending on team capacity and client acuity.
- OPH: Women residing outside of OPH catchment are not eligible for care at OPH and MGP.

Reference

1. Australian College of Midwives. National midwifery guidelines for consultation and referral: ACM; 2021. Available from: [https://midwives.org.au/common/Uploaded%20files/_ADMIN-ACM/National-Midwifery-Guidelines-for-Consultation-and-Referral-4th-Edition-\(2021\).pdf](https://midwives.org.au/common/Uploaded%20files/_ADMIN-ACM/National-Midwifery-Guidelines-for-Consultation-and-Referral-4th-Edition-(2021).pdf)

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2	Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole guideline reformatted- read guideline. Title amended to 'Midwifery group practice (hospital based): Criteria' • Inclusion criteria aligned with 2021 ACM guidance. Attendance at all appointments added. Women living outside catchment area may be considered depending on MGP capacity- these women will need to attend KEMH for postnatal checks. • Exclusion criteria added (shared care with GP or EPPM; if specialised model (WANDAS, CAMI, Adolescent)). Note added about new Aboriginal MGP.
3	Jun 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title amended to 'Hospital Based Midwifery Group Practice (MGP): Criteria' • Changed language for expansion of MGP into OPH site. Link to OPH criteria added. OPH: Women residing outside of OPH catchment are not eligible for care at OPH and MGP. • When a variance is identified during a woman's care, midwives use clinical assessment and judgement to determine the appropriate level of consultation and/or referral. • Level C amendment- A care plan will be developed with the midwifery and obstetric teams and the midwife with continue to provide care with documented care plan led by the medical team • New subheading added for content relating to 'allocation'

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