



Notification of new, updated and withdrawn guidelines Jan-Feb 2023

Obstetrics and Gynaecology Directorate

Clinical Midwifery/Nurse Specialist – Guidelines and Quality

Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine

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Bariatric Patient: Care When Undergoing Regional Anaesthesia for Elective Surgery (procedure within HealthPoint hub page: Perioperative Services) [Feb 2023]

- Changed terminology to generic description for bariatric 'Air-Assisted Transfer Device'
- Equipment: Added option for Oxford positioning device
- Allocation of additional Orderlies to be considered, dependent on theatre activity on the day

Community Midwifery Program (CMP)

Nil

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Newborn Feeding and Maternal Lactation [Feb 2023]

- Added new chapter for 'Antenatal expressing of colostrum' and links fixed throughout

Placenta Accreta Spectrum [Feb 2023]

- MRI has not shown superiority over transvaginal ultrasound
- Updated PAT membership to include option for ASCU CNMS

Water for Pain Management During Labour and/or Birth [procedure] [Feb 2023]

- Reformatted layout
- Added OPH details: Birth suite bays 3, 4, 5 and 6 suitable for inflatable pools
- Additional safety points added:
 - The woman must be able to demonstrate that she is able to enter and exit the bath/pool without placing herself or anyone else at physical risk of injury.
 - Ensure when patient leaving pool/bath there are towels available to dry with and stand on to prevent water spillage and minimise OSH risk of slips/ falls.



- Ensure there are no electrical appliances near the pool/bath.
- When using evacuation pod, the pod strap is maintained at the chest and not near the neck/ airway.
- The use of kneeler pads, cushions or a low stool will assist with correct back care.
- The bed should be accessible in the room and moved into position in the event of an evacuation.

Perioperative Services (and HSSD) [Access through HealthPoint - intranet]

HSSD: Decontamination Area [Feb 2023]

- Steps relating to hand hygiene and PPE added
- Wipe down all horizontal surfaces with detergent/disinfectant wipes
- Water temperature amended to 'warm' not exceeding 55oC
- Document all test results and report to HSSD Manager if any results are outside normal parameters
- When rinsing, visually inspect for cleanliness

HSSD: Microbial Testing of Endoscopes **[NEW]** [Jan 2023]

HSSD: Steam Steriliser Daily Validation Test Process [Feb 2023]

- All new staff members must be assessed as 'competent' prior to undertaking these tasks
- For failed tests: Report to manager as soon as possible. Place yellow "Out Of Service (Not To Be Operated)" tag on steriliser
- Document all test results and report to HSSD Manager if any results are outside normal parameters

HSSD: Work Areas [Feb 2023]

- Title amended (previously titled 'Allocated Work Areas')
- Updated language/descriptions
- Ethylene oxide section removed

Normothermia in the Surgical Patient: Maintaining [Jan 2023]

- Routine three-yearly review. Compliance section updated.

Specimen Identification, Collection and Handling (Perioperative) [Feb 2023]

- Minor amendment- updated medico-legal email address

Medical Imaging

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Nil

WNS Osborne Park Hospital

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Nil



Withdrawn guidelines

1. **HSSD Sterilising for Outside Agencies** [Feb 2023] - no longer offered

Other departments- Updated procedures

Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS)- Neonatology guideline updates

For changes to [neonatology](#) and [neonatology postnatal ward](#) guidelines, refer to the bottom of [CAHS policy / guideline updates](#).

Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGH / OPH) guideline updates

Some guidelines at KEMH and / or OPH link to SCGH/OPH guidelines for non- obstetric / gynaecology topics (e.g. TPN, stoma, wound, bowel care). Refer to [SCGOPHCG updates](#) if relevant.

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