

# AFRICAN LIAISON and FAMILY REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FARREP)



**Mercy Hospital for Women is proud to support and offer a program specifically designed for African women and families during their care at hospital.**

## **What is the FARREP program?**

The FARREP program at Mercy Hospital for Women is tailored to support African women and their families during their care at our hospital. We also care for and support women who come from countries where female circumcision is sometimes practiced.

## **Who supports the FARREP program?**

Mercy Hospital for Women has a FARREP/African liaison worker on staff. The African Liaison staff member can:

- explain the different types of care available to you before your baby is born
- stay with you during your consultation to discuss female circumcision
- introduce and link you to other services at the hospital which may be helpful, such as: social work, physiotherapy, dietitian or diabetes education
- support doctors, midwives, nurser and others to better understand your cultural needs
- partner with you to discuss any concerns or questions you have with hospital staff
- help you provide feedback about your care in the hospital
- give you information about female circumcision in Australia and its effects on women's health
- establish and maintain links between the African communities and Mercy Hospital for Women.

## **How do you access the FARREP program and African Liaison worker?**

This FARREP program and African Liaison service is optional. Our staff may ask if you are interested in being supported by the African Liaison worker. If you wish you can also let our staff know you would like to be linked to our African liaison/FARREP worker or you may contact the African Liaison worker directly on (03) 8458 4150.



## For more information

If you have any questions or need further advice, please call the **African Liaison/FARREP Worker** at Mercy Hospital for Women:

- Monday to Friday
- 8:00am to 4:30pm

Ph: (03) 8458 4150

In the event of an emergency, please dial **000** for an ambulance or go to your nearest Mercy Health or other hospital emergency department.