



Mercy Health
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Your important health information

Pregnancy problems: when to come to hospital

If you think you are in labour, please call the Birthing Suites on 8458 4058 for telephone advice about your situation and when to come to hospital.

Come to the hospital at any time if:

- Your baby is moving less than normal
- You
 - have vaginal bleeding
 - think your waters have broken
 - have pain in your abdomen/tummy
 - are worried something isn't right

For problems not related to your pregnancy, please either telephone:

- NURSE-ON-CALL 1300 60 60 24
- go to your general practitioner (GP, also called your local doctor or family doctor)
or
- go to a general emergency department

Mercy Hospital for Women (MHW) Emergency Department is a specialist women's emergency department dealing with pregnancy or gynaecological problems only.

What to expect if you come to the Emergency Department at MHW

When you arrive at the Emergency Department a midwife will talk to you about the reasons you have come to the department. The midwife will make a decision about how quickly you need to be seen (triage). You may be asked to sit in the waiting room if you don't need urgent care.

Patients with the most urgent healthcare needs will be seen first. If your condition is less urgent, you might have to wait a while.

Further Information

If you have any questions regarding this information, please talk to your doctor or midwife.

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This document provides general information only and is not intended to replace advice about your health from a qualified practitioner. If you are concerned about your health, you should seek advice from a qualified practitioner.