

## *Your important information*

# African liaison and Family and Reproductive Rights Education Program (FARREP)

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Mercy Hospital for Women has a program to support:

- African women and families during their care at the hospital, or
- women who come from countries where female circumcision is sometimes practiced.

Our FARREP/African liaison worker can:

- explain the different types of care available to you before the baby is born
- stay with you during your consultation to discuss female circumcision
- introduce you to other services at the hospital which may be helpful such as social work, physiotherapy, dietician or diabetes education
- offer culturally appropriate guidance to doctors, midwives, nurses and others, so that your needs are better understood
- discuss your concerns with hospital staff if you need more support
- help you provide feedback about your care in the hospital
- give 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.

This service is optional.

Please let our staff know if you would like support from our African liaison/FARREP worker.

If appropriate, our staff may ask if you would like to access this support. Otherwise, you can contact our African liaison worker directly on 8458 4150.

### **Further Information**

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact:

#### **Mercy Hospital for Women**

African Liaison/FARREP worker  
Phone: 03 8458 4150

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