



Your important health information

Maternity Group Practice (MGP)

Welcome to Mercy Hospital for Women's Maternity Group Practice (MGP) model of care.

The MGP model of care means:

- you will be allocated a primary midwife who will care for you throughout your pregnancy, labour and birth and after you have had your baby.

Your primary midwife is _____ mobile _____

Your primary midwife works in a team of midwives and has a direct back up/partner midwife.

Your back up midwife is _____ mobile _____

Contacting your midwife

- Your primary midwife should be contacted for any concerns (see over for details)
- If you need to change an appointment, ask about test results or have a general question please call your midwife between 8am and 5pm
- **Wherever possible, please call your midwife rather than sending a text.**
 - Texts will not be seen when your midwife's phone is diverted. If your midwife is unable to answer, she will return your call as soon as possible.
 - When your primary midwife is on a day off or has worked her maximum hours, her phone will be diverted to your back up midwife. Occasionally, your primary midwife may need to divert her phone to another member of the team or to Birthing Services.
 - If your primary midwife takes leave, another MGP midwife will care for you during this time. Your primary midwife will let you know if she plans to be away on annual leave.

Involvement of other clinicians

- If complications arise during your pregnancy or birth, your midwives will continue to care for you in collaboration with our medical team. If an appointment with our medical team is needed, your midwife will discuss this with you
- MGP midwives play an important role in teaching midwifery students. If a student is involved in your care, you will get to know them throughout your pregnancy

Information for after the birth

- If you have an uncomplicated birth and both you and baby are well, you will be discharged home after 6-12 hours. If you or your baby require further care or monitoring, you will be moved to the postnatal ward
- If you are moved to the postnatal ward, you may be suitable for a room where your partner can stay with you (partner package room). This will depend on why you need to stay in hospital and whether a bed is available. If you are not suitable for this room, you will be in a shared room so your partner will not be able to stay overnight
- After discharge, you will be visited at home by your MGP midwives for up to two weeks depending on your needs. Ongoing support will then be provided by your Maternal & Child Health Nurse.

Common concerns or reasons for contacting your midwife

Please call your midwife at any time if you:

- are concerned about your baby's movements (see handout)
- have any vaginal bleeding
- break your waters
- think you are in labour
- become unwell or experience new symptoms that you are worried about.

If you have an emergency, please call 000

Thank you for choosing MGP for your care, we look forward to working with you.

Further Information

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

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