

Why a Level 2 Nursery?

The Level 2 Nursery is for babies who are unwell or have needs requiring more involved medical treatment such as:

- A drip into the baby's veins for fluids and possibly antibiotics or other drugs.
- Care in a humidicrib to help baby's temperature stabilize or to give a small amount of oxygen therapy into the air that baby breathes.
- Feeding the baby with a tube down the nose or mouth as they are premature or not well enough to feed normally.
- Monitoring the baby on a machine that keeps track of their heart rate and breathing.

High Level Care for your Baby

The Level 2 nursery provides and facilitates for:

- 24/7 midwives/nurses rostering to care for your baby.
- 24/7 availability of Paediatricians.
- Neonatal x-ray, pathology testing, ultrasounds and ECGs.
- Follow ups for babies with the Paediatric team.

Working Together

It is important that you feel well informed and you feel your baby's needs are being met.

Your baby's condition and progress will be discussed with you on a regular basis by the midwifery, nursing and medical staff.

The length of time that your baby requires special care is dependent on many factors.

If necessary, the decision may be made to transfer your baby to PMH for ongoing care with the Newborn Emergency Transport Service (NETS) via RFDS.

Parents can visit their baby as often as possible and learn how to confidently participate in and provide care for their baby and prepare for discharge home. Parental involvement and education is supported, but the amount of time and extent of involvement will be dependent on your child's condition.

Breastfeeding is promoted and encouraged



Additional Care

When ready, your baby will have, with your consent:

- An eye test review
- A hearing test
- Immunization

Other services are also available:

- Allied Health Services (eg social worker, physiotherapist)
- Pastoral Care
- Interpreter Services

Preparing to go home

Safe sleeping

- Safe sleeping positioning begins once your baby is transferred into an open cot.
- Learning SIDS guidelines are essential so you are aware of how to safely position your baby at home.
- These will be explained to you if you are not already familiar with them and the staff will provide you with a brochure.

Visiting Midwifery Service

- This may be arranged to assist you, your partner and your baby in the transition from hospital to home.
- We service a range of 25km radius. If you live outside this area, please speak to our staff and arrangements will be made to ensure appropriate follow up occurs after discharge

Visiting Hours

Strictly Parents only are permitted into the Level 2 nursery at any time.

Grandparents are allowed one at a time with a parent accompanying during 2pm - 8 pm.

A maximum of two visitors are allowed at a time. And strictly no children are allowed into the nursery.

All visitors to the Level 2 nursery are asked to wash their hands prior to entering the nursery or to use the hand gel provided outside the door of the nursery.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available in the hospital residential units for mothers with babies in the nursery.

The number of units are limited and you are encouraged to arrange accommodation outside the hospital if appropriate. We will happily provide you with a list of available accommodation.

You will be offered an overnight stay on the ward prior to your baby's expected day of discharge, to assist with any mother crafting or concerns you may have.

No Smoking

There is a strict **NO SMOKING** policy in the hospital or anywhere on the hospital grounds.

Useful Links

Additional information can be located at:

www.kemh.gov.wa.au



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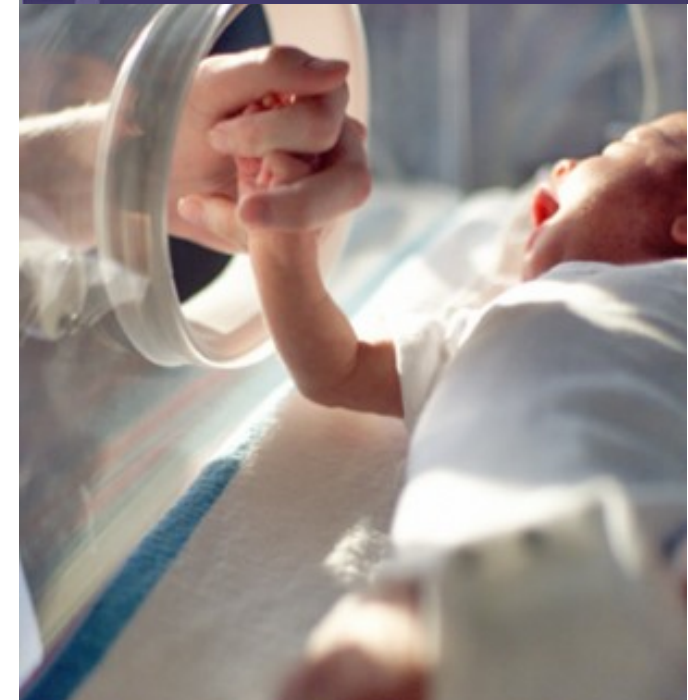
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For many parents having their baby admitted to a special care nursery is a very unexpected and traumatic event.

This pamphlet is provided to assist parents with some facts to make that journey a little easier.