



# Notification of new, updated and withdrawn guidelines Apr-May 2024

## Obstetrics and Gynaecology Directorate

Clinical Midwifery/Nurse Specialist – Guidelines and Quality

### Anaesthetics

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#### **Intraoperative: General Anaesthesia at Caesarean** [Apr 2024]

- KEMH GA at caesarean pathway updated
- Added RPH CICO algorithm
- Added considerations after a difficult airway is encountered, including new difficult airway form

### Community Midwifery Program (CMP)

Nil

### Obstetrics and Gynaecology

#### **Pain: Acute on Chronic Pelvic Pain Management** [Apr 2024]

- Minor amendment- Manage as outpatients wherever possible. 'Avoid admission to hospital where acute pathology has been excluded, as admission is unlikely to be advantageous over going home.'

### Perioperative Services

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#### **Caesarean Section: Roles of Non-Perioperative Staff Attending** [Apr 2024]

- Title amended to 'Caesarean section: Roles of non-perioperative staff attending'
- Support person- To wear clean, closed in footwear. It is preferable the PSP does not to make multiple exits/entries to the department.
- Midwife to check sufficient supply of portable O2 sats for list
- Midwife must be present at birth
- Added location for disposable gown/hat on L1 and L2
- Process for cord gas syringes updated- new machine in airlock.
- Process for cord blood and placenta updated- read section within 'After the birth'. Neonatal cord blood sent to pathology must adhere to PathWest minimum acceptable criteria for a sample and be labelled with neonates identifiers. Link to guideline for



release of the placenta added.

- Anaesthetist to collect Kleihauer, if possible
- Section for neonatal O blood retitled to 'Life-threatening neonatal haemorrhage at birth' and contains links to relevant guidelines
- Trial of Birth basket available in theatre. If patient is booked for instrumental birth (trial of forceps/ vacuum), bring vacuum trolley from equipment room and the Trial of Birth basket.

#### **Death in the Operating Theatre [Apr 2024]**

- Coroners section updated:
  - CIS now 24/7
  - KEMH transitioned to digital medical record (DMR), so details about paper medical record management now refers to HIAS processes

#### **Visitors (Authorised Persons) to Theatre [Apr 2024]**

- Clearance for more than one support person changed from Manager to Perioperative SRN team
- Support person for obstetrics updated:
  - Support persons are permitted and encouraged to be present in PACU to maintain the family unit on both level 1 and 2
  - If the patient is unstable the support person may be asked to wait in the lobby until returning. This is at the discretion of the PACU Coordinator
  - Support people are discouraged from multiple exits and entries to PACU for security and other patient privacy reasons
  - Support people must use the door in Bay 8 to exit/enter PACU
  - PACU bay 7 can also be used to recover Caesareans
- Support animals are not permitted in the operating room or PACU

### **Medical Imaging**

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Nil

### **WNS Osborne Park Hospital**

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Nil

### **Withdrawn guidelines**

1. **Pathology and Ultrasound: Request by Midwife / Nurse / Nurse Practitioner-** content updated and moved to a new [WNHS policy](#) under similar title



## Other departments- Updated procedures

### Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS)- Neonatology guideline updates

For changes to [neonatology](#) and [neonatology postnatal ward](#) guidelines, refer to the right hand side of the [neonatology](#) guideline hub page.

### Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGH / OPH) guideline updates

Some guidelines at KEMH and / or OPH link to SCGH guidelines for non- obstetric / gynaecology topics (e.g. TPN, stoma, wound, bowel care). Refer to [SCGOPHCG updates](#) if relevant.

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