Shared Maternity Care Program - LATEST NEWS

Welcome to the new look Shared Maternity Care Affiliate News.

Changes to Women’s Health Ambulatory Care Clinic (WHACC)

As of now the WHACC will be operating from the Outpatient Department 1 (old ED) Monday-Friday 9-5pm. If patients are experiencing heavy bleeding (soaking through more than 2 pads an hour), have pain not managed by paracetamol and/or have a suspicion of ectopic they should proceed to the Emergency Department at any time.

Patients who present to you with pain or bleeding in early pregnancy who require further assessment should be given the attached information sheet and advised to call 0417 340 535 for an appointment – this will occur on the same day or early the next day. The information sheet provides advice to the patient on when to attend the ED whilst waiting for an appointment. If the patient is stable it may be appropriate for the ultrasound and BHCG levels to be attended in the community before referral.

Patients with complications in the post natal period may also be referred to WHACC for assessment.

Patients with confirmed miscarriage should also be referred to WHACC with copies of relevant investigations so that management options can be discussed and appropriate arrangements made for surgery if required. Please do not send requests for curette directly to the Elective Surgery Office.

Please find the following information attached to this newsletter.

- Pregnancy Assessment- When and How to refer (May 2016)
- Pain and bleeding in early pregnancy- flyer
- Miscarriage- information sheet

GPs are welcome to contact Sharon White- Operations Director on 9784 1684 if you have any concerns regarding the changes.

Anti D administration reminder

Women should not be referred to the antenatal clinic for the routine 28 and 34-36 week doses. The current Anti-D pathway is attached to this newsletter. If you have any issues with regards to administration of Anti D for a particular patient please contact Della Attwood on 9784 2647.
**Reaccreditation 2016**
Yes it’s almost that time again! Reaccreditation is fast approaching. The electronic kink to your reaccreditation form will be sent to your nominated email address at the beginning of September. In preparation for this make sure you have completed the following,
- A minimum of 10 CME points relating to pregnancy care
- 1 supervised clinic session. These are held on various days and times so we are sure to find a session that works for you.

Contact Anne to book a session P: 9784 8292 or avanWamel@phcn.vic.gov.au

Also, make sure we have your correct email address so the system sends the link to the correct account.
I will send out a heads-up reminder just prior so you can look out for it.

**Guideline Review**
We are beginning the process of reviewing the Shared Maternity Care Program Guidelines and are very keen to hear of any changes, additions or clarifications you may like in the updated version. Is the layout working for you? Do you have trouble finding the information you need?

Any feedback is appreciated, as long as it’s G rated!
You can email me directly with any comments or suggestions jsidwell@phcn.vic.gov.au

**Education Update**
The revised dates for the 2016 Shared Maternity Care Education Forums have been confirmed.
- **Wednesday 27th July** - Asthma in Pregnancy & First Trimester Screening
- **Wednesday 39th November** - Topic TBA

More opportunities for Pregnancy Related Education can be found on our website.
Resource for general practice.
Networking Health Victorian has provided us with the attached poster- Immunisation Influenza and Pertussis. Please feel free to print off and use in your clinic. A sticker with the same information will now be used on all Victorian Maternity Records.

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