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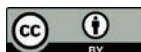
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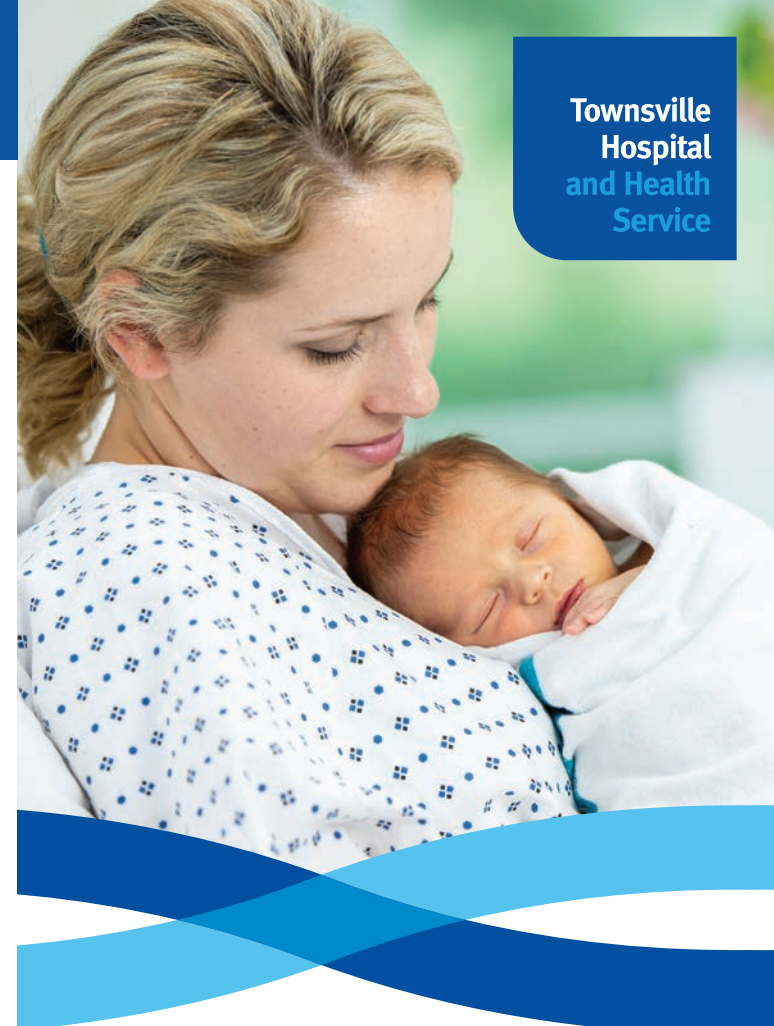


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Midwifery Group Practice

A guide for patients and visitors of the
Townsville Hospital and Health Service



We aim to treat pregnancy, birth and parenting as a normal event, regardless of risk factors.

We promote empowerment and encourage women to be active participants in their care, respecting their choices.

What is Midwifery Group Practice (MGP)?

A group of four midwives care for you during your pregnancy, labour and birth, and provide home visits for up to six weeks after your baby is born.

You will have a known midwife caring for you with the support of other midwives in the group.

Midwifery Group Practice aims to care for all women regardless of their medical history.

Before you have your baby

Your midwife will attend to your antenatal visits. You will see a doctor two-three times during your pregnancy. Care will be provided in the community and the MGP will provide education for you and your support people during this time. MGP will also provide the opportunity for you to meet with the other midwives within the practice to ensure you know all the midwives who may care for you.



When you have your baby

Having a known care provider during labour and birth has been proven to reduce the need for intervention and lead to improved birth outcomes. The birth preparation you will receive with your midwife aim to give you the knowledge and skills required for birth. You will birth your baby in the hospital birth suite with all clinical support available.

After the birth of your baby

Following your birth you will be offered early discharge (within six hours) but if there is a medical indication for you not be discharged you will be transferred to the maternity ward. Following discharge from hospital your midwife will visit you in your home for six weeks following the birth. You will also be offered visits from a child health nurse at two and four weeks.

Advantages

- Establishing a relationship with a midwife throughout your pregnancy can give you confidence going into birth and motherhood
- Your midwife or a back-up midwife is available on call for you 24 hours a day
- You have access to all of the services available to pregnant women at The Townsville Hospital.

How to access Midwifery Group Practice

Self-refer by phoning our office (07) 4433 2353 any time and leave a message. The program is very popular and a midwife is not guaranteed. If a midwife is not available please access alternative antenatal care and if a space becomes available we will notify you.

