

LMC Liaison Update

- As we move into the festive season if you are available to provide labour and birth cares to women on the festive list please contact Louise McKinney and let her know. When women arrive on Birth Suite they will be assessed before a text message is sent out.
- There have been Maternity Guideline updates

There is a new ACC Maternal Birth injuries procedure available
<http://edu.cdhb.health.nz/Hospitals-Services/Health-Professionals/maternity-care-guidelines/Pages/default.aspx>

- Guideline: *Diagnosis and Treatment of Hypertension and Pre-eclampsia in Pregnancy in Aotearoa New Zealand*, has been corrected and is live on the website.

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/about-us/publications/diagnosis-and-treatment-of-hypertension-and-pre-eclampsia-in-pregnancy-in-aotearoa-new-zealand_!!NUwMCyKv!dYMPiEwk0Gq609MLD4L0gIRE-cqzys2mWrhFba4RI0e0lWR9iUV5bQ5ovzhfAFSWNEJpcMwvGcBODGBKv_1d-le1Lf_pJ_qpVVx7quVA\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/about-us/publications/diagnosis-and-treatment-of-hypertension-and-pre-eclampsia-in-pregnancy-in-aotearoa-new-zealand_!!NUwMCyKv!dYMPiEwk0Gq609MLD4L0gIRE-cqzys2mWrhFba4RI0e0lWR9iUV5bQ5ovzhfAFSWNEJpcMwvGcBODGBKv_1d-le1Lf_pJ_qpVVx7quVA$)

- A reminder to LMC's that there is a community health pathway for who to ring when they ask their patients to come into the hospital for review – this is found under the “LMC to GP referrals “ page with a title of “community Midwives Referral for Acute Assessment (same day) to Christchurch Hospital” <https://canterbury.communityhealthpathways.org/Resources/CommunityMidwivesReferralsForAcuteAssessmentToChristchurchHospital.pdf>

There are still get quite a few women who come to ED as their midwife asked them to, but no referral or discussion with ED SMO about where best to access care (ED SMO carries 027 775 6015)

The issue being that they then sit in a queue with all the other few hundred patients waiting for care (ED recently saw 400 patients in

one day) so if we can streamline a review in GAU or get an ultrasound in the community it helps heaps that the client doesn't need to sit in ED waiting. Of course, if they are unwell (heavy bleeding, uncontrolled pain), they absolutely should come to the ED but again a phone call allows are to plan flow.

- For women who are experiencing Early Pregnancy Loss a referral to the Early Pregnancy Loss Clinic. When referring women in it is important to let them know the first appointment is usually a consultation only.
Women are given an information sheet about the expectant management

https://edu.cdhb.health.nz/Patients-Visitors/patient-information-pamphlets/Documents/Miscarriage_2400589.pdf

- Celia Grigg is currently reviewing the IOL process, this is in the hope of streamlining of the process and to reduce the waitlist and the number of IOL's on the ward at a time. Celia will be meeting with Core midwives and LMC's, these times to be arranged.
- The next LMC Forum will be held on Monday 28th November 12:30-1:30pm

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