



Specialty Specific Policy Documents – Maternity and Newborn Services

Disclaimer: This is not a complete list of policies for this specialty but contains key policy documents. Information on searching comprehensive policy libraries is provided below.

External Policies and Guidelines

The following external clinical policies and guidelines are suitable for use by WACHS Medical, Midwifery, Nursing, Mental Health and Allied Health staff in maternity and newborn services.

- Australian College of Midwives [National Midwifery Guidelines for Consultation and Referral](#) (4th Edition, 2021)
- Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) [Neonatology Policy Sets](#)
- Newborn Emergency Transport Service WA (NETS) [NETS Medical Guidelines](#)
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist (RANZCOG) [RANZCOG - Statements & Guidelines](#)
- Women and Newborn Health Service (WNHS) [Obstetrics and Gynaecology Guidelines](#) (HealthPoint) and King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH) [Obstetrics and Gynaecology Medication Guidelines](#) (Internet)

WACHS-wide Policy Documents

WACHS-wide maternity and newborn services policies set out the WACHS-specific requirements that differ from, or are in addition to, the endorsed guidelines above. The WACHS-specific guidance in the documents listed below overrides that of the endorsed guidelines above.

Antenatal

- [Antenatal and Postnatal Syphilis Screening Guideline](#)
- [Detection and Management of Fetal Growth Restriction Policy](#)
- [Maternity High BMI and Bariatric Surgery Risk Management Policy](#)
- [Induction of Labour Policy](#)
- [Electronic Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring Policy](#)

Labour/Birth

- [Electronic Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring Policy](#)
- [Diagnosis of Fetal Malpresentation in Labour Guideline](#)
- [Epidural-Spinal Analgesia Management Policy](#)
- [Imminent Unplanned Birth at a Non-Birthing Site Policy](#)
- [Induction of Labour Policy](#)
- [Intradermal Sterile Water Injections \(SWI\) for Lower Back Pain in Labour Policy](#)
- [Limited Use of Bedside Ultrasound by Midwives in Third Trimester Pregnancy Policy](#)

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- [Management of Second Stage of Labour in Low-Risk Women at Term - Endorsed for Use in Clinical Practice Policy](#)
- [Operative Vaginal Birth Policy](#)
- [Preterm Labour Policy](#)
- [Prevention of Maternal and Newborn Sepsis Policy](#)
- [Postpartum Haemorrhage Policy](#)

Postnatal

- [Antenatal and Postnatal Syphilis Screening Guideline](#)
- [Breastfeeding Protection, Promotion and Support \(CAHS/WACHS\)](#)
- [Critical Care of the Obstetric Patient Policy](#)
- [Intravenous Opioid Administration Policy](#)
- [Prevention of Maternal and Newborn Sepsis Policy](#)
- [Postpartum Haemorrhage Policy](#)

Newborn

- [Neonatal and Paediatric Continuous Positive Airway Pressure \(CPAP\) Guideline](#)
- [Neonatal Special Referrals to Child Health Services Policy](#)
- [Power to Detain a Child Under the Age of Six in Hospital Procedure](#)
- [Recognition and Response to Acute Deterioration \(RRAD\) of the Newborn Policy](#)
- [Prevention of Maternal and Newborn Sepsis Policy](#)

Clinical Governance

- [Chaperone Policy](#)
- [Clinical Image Photography and Videography Policy](#)
- [Clinical Midwifery Specialists \(Endorsed\) Policy](#)
- [Maternal and Newborn Care Capability Framework Policy](#)
- [Maternal and Newborn Care Collaboration and Escalation Policy](#)
- [Maternity and Neonatal Consultation and Referral Guideline for Clinical Service Levels](#)
- [Maternity and Newborn Care Resources - EUCP Policy](#)
- [Maternity-Newborn Did Not Attend Policy](#)
- [Medication Handling and Accountability Policy](#)
- [Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality Policy](#)
- [Perioperative - Visitors to Perioperative Department Procedure](#)
- [Perth Children's Hospital \(PCH\) Guidelines - EUCP Policy](#)
- [Photography and Filming of Clinical Care by Patients, Carers, Relatives, Visitors or Contractors Policy](#)
- [Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration \(RRAD\) Policy](#)
- [The Doula as a Support Person Policy](#)
- [WebPAS Child at Risk Alert Procedure](#)



Workforce Governance

- [Clinical Midwifery Specialists \(Endorsed\) Policy](#)
- [Credentialing for Nurse Practitioners and Endorsed Privately Practicing Midwives Policy](#)
- [Credentialing Requirements for Non-Specialist Obstetricians Guideline](#)
- [Credentialing for Nurse Practitioners and Endorsed Privately Practicing Midwives Policy](#)
- [Credentialing Requirements for Non-Specialist Obstetricians Guideline](#)
- [Midwives Caring for General Patients and Nurses Caring for Maternity Patients Policy](#)
- [Nursing and Midwifery Roster Guideline](#)
- [Professional Development Requirements for Midwives Policy](#)
- [Role of the Endorsed Privately Practicing Midwife for Private Patients at WACHS Maternity Sites Procedure](#)
- [Safe Midwifery Staffing Policy](#)

Regional Policy Documents

Goldfields

- [Investigations Following Births With, or With Risk of, Adverse Neonatal Outcome Procedure – Kalgoorlie Hospital](#)

Great Southern

- [Specialist Obstetrician Services Procedure – Albany Health Campus](#)

Kimberley

- [Neonatal Resuscitation – Who Attends Low Moderate and High-Risk births Procedure – Broome Hospital](#)

South West

- [Maternal and Fetal Assessment Unit Triage and Assessment Procedure – Bunbury Hospital](#)
- [Maternity Consultation and Referral Guideline – South West](#)
- [Maternity Discharge and Transfer \(including SWAMS, Inland MGP and District Maternity Sites\) Procedure](#)
- [Maternity Ward Lift Contingency Procedure – Bunbury Hospital](#)
- [Neonatal Admission Discharge and Transfer Procedure – Bunbury Hospital](#)

There are no regional documents for maternity and newborn services for Wheatbelt, Midwest or Pilbara.



Medical Record Forms

This is not a complete list of maternity and newborn forms. Please note - forms can only be accessed from HealthPoint which requires a WA Health networked device.

Antenatal

- [FDV952 State Referral for Family and Domestic Violence](#)
- [FDV950 State Screening for Family and Domestic Violence](#)
- [FDV951 State Assessment for Family and Domestic Violence](#)
- [MR8 WACHS Maternal Fetal Assessment Admission](#)
- [MR8A WACHS Record of Telephone Contact-Advice - Obstetrics](#)
- [MR8B West Australian Handheld Pregnancy Record](#)
- [MR8B.1 WACHS Maternity NWHPR Schedule of Care](#)
- [MR70 WACHS Antenatal Booking Form](#)
- [MR70a WACHS Antenatal Inpatient Care Plan](#)
- [MR70C WACHS Pregnancy Instruction Sheet](#)
- [MR73A WACHS Maternity High BMI-Bariatric Surgery Risk Management Tool](#)
- [MR140B Maternal Observation and Response Chart \(M-ORC\)](#)

Labour/Birth

- [MR8A WACHS Record of Telephone Contact-Advice - Obstetrics MR71 WACHS Labour and Birth Summary](#)
- [MR72 WACHS Partogram Form](#)
- [MR72A WACHS Postpartum Haemorrhage \(PPH\) Record](#)
- [MR72B WACHS Operative Vaginal Delivery Record](#)
- [MR72C WACHS Shoulder Dystocia Record](#)
- [MR72D WACHS Cord Prolapse Record](#)
- [MR72E WACHS Pre-Eclampsia – Eclampsia Crisis Record](#)
- [MR71A WACHS Labour and Birth Summary - Addendum Multiple Births](#)
- [MR170.2 WACHS Epidural-Spinal Prescription and Additional Observations Chart](#)
- [MR170.3 WACHS Epidural-Spinal Morphine Record](#)
- [MR82 WACHS Perinatal Loss Care Plan \(Less than 20 weeks gestation\)](#)
- [MR82A WACHS Perinatal Loss Care Plan \(More than 20 weeks gestation\)](#)
- [MR90.1 WACHS Caesarean Section Operation Report](#)

Postnatal

- [MR8C WACHS Outpatient Maternal Postnatal Assessment](#)
- [MR8E WACHS Postnatal Clinical Phone Advice Form](#)
- [MR72A WACHS Postpartum Haemorrhage \(PPH\) Record](#)
- [MR76 WACHS Lactation Consultation - My Feeding Management Plan](#)
- [MR76A WACHS Lactation Consultation Maternal - Initial Assessment](#)
- [MR76A.1 WACHS Lactation Consultation Maternal - Follow Up Assessment](#)
- [MR76B WACHS Lactation Consultation Neonatal - Initial Assessment](#)
- [MR76B.1 WACHS Lactation Consultation Neonatal - Follow Up Assessment](#)

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- [MR77 WACHS Assessment of Parenting Skills](#)
- [MR80 WACHS Vaginal Birth Care Plan](#)
- [MR80A.1 Antenatal Risk Assessment for VET Prophylaxis](#)
- [MR80A.2 Postnatal Risk Assessment for VTE Prophylaxis](#)
- [MR81 WACHS Caesarean Postnatal Care Plan](#)
- [MR82 WACHS Perinatal Loss Care Plan \(Less than 20 weeks gestation\)](#)
- [MR82A WACHS Perinatal Loss Care Plan \(More than 20 weeks gestation\)](#)
- [MR140B Maternal Observation and Response Chart \(M-ORC\)](#)
- [MR140C Additional Maternal Observation Chart](#)

Newborn

- [MR8D WACHS Outpatient Newborn Postnatal Assessment](#)
- [MR75 WACHS Newborn Care Plan](#)
- [MR75AA WACHS Newborn Care Plan Continuation Sheet](#)
- [MR75B WACHS Newborn Medical Emergency Response \(MER\) Record](#)
- [MR75A WACHS Newborn Care Pathway - Feeding Chart Addendum](#)
- [MR75AA WACHS Newborn Care Plan Continuation Sheet](#)
- [MR85 WACHS Boys Fenton Preterm Growth Charts](#)
- [MR85A WACHS Girls Fenton Preterm Growth Charts](#)
- [MR86 WACHS Boys Growth Chart Birth to 2 years](#)
- [MR86A WACHS Girls Growth Chart Birth to 2 years](#)
- [MR124A WACHS Glamorgan Paediatric and Neonatal Pressure Injury Risk Assessment](#)
- [MR140D Newborn Observation and Response Chart \(N-ORC\)](#)
- [MR142 WACHS Neonatal - Paediatric Respiratory Observation Chart](#)
- [MR144D WACHS Neonatal - Paediatric Enteral Feeding Prescription](#)
- [MR144P WACHS Neonatal - Paediatric Fluid Balance Worksheet](#)
- [MR176P WACHS Neonatal - Paediatric Intravenous Fluid Treatment Form](#)
- [MR184P WACHS Interhospital Transfer Neonatal Paediatric](#)

Governance

- [MR Child at Risk Alert 1 – WACHS Child at Risk Alert Notification Form](#)
- [MR8B.2 WACHS Discussion and Partnership Care Plan - Declining Recommended Maternity Care](#)
- [MR8B.3 WACHS Discussion and Partnership Care Plan - Declining Recommended Maternity Care Continuation Sheet](#)

Consents

- [MR30A Patient Consent to Treatment or Investigation - Adult or Mature Minor](#)
- [MR30AA WACHS Patient Consent to a Chaperone Form](#)
- [MR30C Adults without the Capacity to Consent to Treatment or Investigation](#)
- [MR30G WACHS Consent to Blood Products](#)
- [MR30H WACHS Release of Liability - Refusal of Blood Products](#)
- [MR30I WACHS Authorisation and Release of Human Tissue and Explanted Medical Device Consent Form](#)



- [MR173C WACHS Intravenous Iron Consent and Prescription](#)

Other

- [MR1C WACHS Adult Sepsis Pathway](#)
- [MR156B WACHS Obstetric Subcutaneous Insulin Order and Blood Glucose Record](#)
- [MR184C WACHS Interhospital Transfer Maternal Form](#)

WA Health Mandatory Policy

- MP 0093/18 [Access to Public Maternity Services for Privately Practising Endorsed Midwives Policy](#)
- MP 0076/18 [Cardiotocography \(CTG\) Monitoring Policy](#)
- MP 0141/20 [Public Home Birth Policy](#)
- MP 0106/19 [Safe Infant Sleeping Policy](#)
- MP 0049/17 [Water Immersion During Labour and Birth Policy](#)

Legislation

- [Abortion Legislation Reform Act 2023](#) (WA)
- [Birth, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1998](#) (WA)
- [Health Services Act 2016](#) (WA)

Support Tools and Other Resources

- [Intradermal Sterile Water Injections \(SWI\) for Lower Back Pain in Labour - Skills Assessment Checklist](#)
- [Limited Use of Bedside Ultrasound by Midwives Skills Assessment Checklist](#)
- [Requests for Maternal Assisted Caesarean Section - Information Sheet](#)



Searching for Policy Documents

The complete suite of WACHS policy and related documents is hosted in the [HealthPoint Policy Library](#), which is the primary source of policy documents. The complete Policy Library is only accessible from devices connected to the WA Health Network. For ease of access, WACHS Policies are also published to the internet except for sensitive policy documents and related documents.

The best way to search for policy documents will depend on your access type: whether your site or device has a networked connection or only an internet connection.

Networked device: Browse or search via HealthPoint		Non-networked or mobile device: Browse or search via internet	
HealthPoint Policies landing page WACHS Policies landing page WACHS A-Z page	-Available from networked devices. -Hosts all WACHS policies, procedures, guidelines and related documents -Hyperlinks to HealthPoint hosted documents are enabled. -Links to Specialty Specific Policy Lists -Browse policies alphabetically from A-Z list -Use the search bar on the landing page to search by keyword and filter by policy type or WACHS region.	WACHS Policies on the Internet webpage	-Available from internet enabled devices including mobile devices. -Does not host sensitive policy documents (HealthPoint library only). - Hyperlinks to HealthPoint hosted documents (including related documents) links are disabled if you are not on the network. -Links to Specialty Specific Policy Lists -Browse policies alphabetically from A-Z List -Use Google (or any search engine) to search the web. Search by “WACHS policy <your search term>”

Feedback and Suggestions

To provide specialty specific lists feedback please contact WACHS Coordinator of Midwifery, [Kate Reynolds](#).

The WACHS Policy Unit welcomes your feedback and encourages subject matter experts, stakeholders, and staff to identify changes in regulations, best practice, and to identify areas of missing or insufficient policy scope.

[Feedback forms](#) are available on the [Policy Consultation](#) page. Alternatively, feedback can be provided via email directly to the WACHS Policy Unit. Policy improvement requests and suggestions can be provided at any time.

