

Shared Maternity Care Affiliate Agreement to Undertakings

This document contains a copy of the agreement signed when credentialing or recredentialing as a Shared Maternity Care Affiliate in the 2026-2028 triennium.

Please retain a copy for your reference.

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Agreement for GPs

As a Shared Maternity Care Affiliate of Mercy Health, The Royal Women's Hospital, Western Health and Northern Health, I agree to all of the following undertakings:

- I will review the hospitals' guidelines for shared maternity care affiliates available on hospital websites
- I will observe hospital guidelines in respect of mutual patients, including criteria for hospital review/referral and sharing investigation results and management
- I will participate in appropriate continuing professional development for the provision of shared maternity care
- I will ensure the hospitals have up to date contact information (email, telephone, postal address) and will notify them if I move practices or my contact details change
- I will ensure patient information is held and managed in accordance with privacy legislation and standards
- My Medical Registration is current and without conditions and I will notify the hospitals if my registration is suspended, cancelled or has restrictions imposed
- My Medical Indemnity Insurance will be maintained at an adequate level of cover for the duration of my participation in shared maternity care
- I will provide shared care in a clinic that is committed to providing high quality, safe care with appropriate clinical governance in line with the standards of the RACGP
- I will keep appropriate clinical records and communicate care to the hospitals
- I will make appropriate arrangements for continuing care with a credentialed Shared Maternity Care Affiliate or the hospital where the woman is booked for birth when I am not available
- I acknowledge the hospitals conduct research activities and quality assurance programs and that Shared Maternity Care Affiliate or patient participation may be requested
- I authorise the hospitals and their General Practice Liaison Units/Shared Care teams to discuss details of my provision of shared maternity care, both within the hospitals and between hospitals
- I authorise the hospitals to exchange details about my credentialing, including my contact information and clinic details
- I authorise the hospitals to publicly publish and provide women and their families with my practice details, and languages spoken
- I will not provide intrapartum care for women who are booked for maternity care or undertaking shared maternity care with the hospitals (unless employed by the health service to provide intrapartum care)
- If a GP Registrar: I will remain in a GP training program until I receive my Fellowship, and notify the hospitals if this changes
- I understand that Shared Maternity Care Affiliates found not to be adhering to these agreements, guidelines or acceptable standards of quality of care may have their credentialing status reviewed and revoked at anytime

Agreement for Obstetricians

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- I will review the hospitals' guidelines for shared maternity care affiliates available on hospital websites
- I will observe hospital guidelines in respect of mutual patients, including criteria for hospital review/referral and sharing investigation results and management
- I will participate in appropriate continuing professional development for the provision of shared maternity care
- I will ensure the hospitals have up to date contact information (email, telephone, postal address) and will notify them if I move practices or my contact details change
- I will ensure patient information is held and managed in accordance with privacy legislation and standards
- My Medical Registration is current and without conditions and I will notify the hospitals if my registration is suspended, cancelled or has restrictions imposed
- My Medical Indemnity Insurance will be maintained at an adequate level of cover for the duration of my participation in shared maternity care
- I will provide shared care in a clinic that is committed to providing high quality, safe care with appropriate clinical governance in line with the standards of the RANZCOG
- I will keep appropriate clinical records and communicate care with the hospitals
- I will make appropriate arrangements for continuing care with a credentialed Shared Maternity Care Affiliate or the hospital where the woman is booked for birth when I am not available
- I acknowledge the hospitals conduct research activities and quality assurance programs and that Shared Maternity Care Affiliate or patient participation may be requested
- I authorise the hospitals and their General Practice Liaison Units/Shared Care teams to discuss details of my provision of shared maternity care, both within the hospitals and between hospitals
- I authorise the hospitals to exchange details about my credentialing, including my contact information and clinic details
- I authorise the hospitals to publicly publish and provide women and their families with my practice details, and languages spoken
- I will not provide intrapartum care for women who are booked for maternity care or undertaking shared maternity care with the hospitals (unless employed by the health service to provide intrapartum care)
- I understand that Shared Maternity Care Affiliates found not to be adhering to these agreements, guidelines and acceptable standards of quality of care may have their credentialing status reviewed and revoked at any time

Agreement for Midwives

As a Shared Maternity Care Affiliate of The Royal Women's Hospital, Mercy Health and Western Health, I agree to all of the following undertakings:

- I will review the hospitals' guidelines for shared maternity care affiliates available on hospital websites
- I will observe hospital guidelines in respect of mutual patients, including criteria for hospital review/referral and sharing investigation results and management
- I will participate in appropriate continuing professional development for the provision of shared maternity care
- I will ensure the hospitals have up to date contact information (email, telephone, postal address) and will notify them if I move practices or my contact details change
- I will ensure patient information is held and managed in accordance with privacy legislation and standards
- My Midwifery Registration is current and without conditions and I will notify the hospitals if my registration is suspended, cancelled or has restrictions imposed
- My Professional Indemnity Insurance will be maintained at an adequate level of cover for the duration of my participation in shared maternity care
- I will provide shared care in a clinic that is committed to providing high quality, safe care with appropriate clinical governance in line with the professional standards of the Nursing and Midwifery Board.
- I will keep appropriate clinical records and communicate care to the hospitals
- I will make appropriate arrangements for continuing care with a credentialed Shared Maternity Care Affiliate or the hospital where the woman is booked for birth when I am not available
- I acknowledge the hospitals conduct research activities and quality assurance programs and that Shared Maternity Care Affiliate or patient participation may be requested
- I authorise the hospitals and their General Practice Liaison Units/Shared Care teams to discuss details of my provision of shared maternity care, both within the hospitals and between hospitals
- I authorise the hospitals to exchange details about my credentialing, including my contact information and clinic details
- I authorise the hospitals to publicly publish and provide women and their families with my practice details, and languages spoken
- I will not provide intrapartum care for women who are booked for maternity care or undertaking shared maternity care with the hospitals (unless employed by the health service to provide intrapartum care)
- I understand that Shared Maternity Care Affiliates found not to be adhering to these agreements, guidelines or acceptable standards of quality of care may have their credentialing status reviewed and revoked at anytime