



Continuity of midwifery care

Midwifery Group Practice

- Continuity of midwifery care throughout your pregnancy, labour and birth and up to 2 weeks after your baby's birth, regardless of complexity through out your childbirth experience.
- Backup midwifery care when your midwife is on days off or leave as your midwife works within a Midwifery Group Practice.
- Early discharge from hospital post birth if clinically appropriate, with up to 2 weeks care in your home.
- Pregnancy care in a community clinic near your home or work, where clinically appropriate.
- 24 hour call support throughout your childbirth experience.
- Inclusion and informed consent with in all aspects of your maternity care requirements.
- Waterbirth and homebirth options where clinically appropriate.

Midwifery Group Practice & Homebirth

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Homebirth

- Western Health Homebirth Program requires you to live within the Western Health catchment or 30 minutes by car travel from Sunshine Hospital.
- An MGP midwife will discuss the Homebirth Program criteria with you before we can confirm your suitability for the Homebirth Program.
- An obstetrician will confirm your clinical suitability for a homebirth.
- Pregnancy care will occur in a community clinic setting.
- Your midwife (and her backup midwife) will organize for a pregnancy care visit at your home (around 36 weeks).
- After the birth of your baby your midwife will visit you at home for up to two weeks.
- It is mandatory that you have a current Ambulance Victoria membership.
- The homebirth criteria requires two midwives to be present with you for your birth.
- If you are transferred out of the homebirth program you have the option to remain in the care of your MGP midwife.