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Referrals to High Risk Obstetric Anaesthetic Clinic	
Introduction and Aim I clarify the criteria for referring women to the High Risk Obstetric Anaesthesia Clinic	
Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide midwifery staff with a guideline to inform their clinical decision making. 	
Scope	
Equality Health Impact Assessment	<i>An Equality Health Impact Assessment (EHIA) has not been completed.</i>
Documents to read alongside this Procedure	<i>List all documents the reader is advised to read alongside / in support of this document</i>
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Summary of reviews/amendments			
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Referrals to High Risk Obstetric Anaesthetic Clinic (Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon clinic sessions)

All patients to be booked an appointment at 32 – 34 weeks gestation.

Please note ALL cardiac patients will be seen through the dedicated multi-disciplinary Cardiac Obstetric Clinic on Wednesday afternoon by Dr de Lloyd, Consultant Anaesthetist following the revised cardiac care pathway.

Haematological

- All patients on heparin or low molecular weight heparins in pregnancy
- Any patient being seen regularly in the Haematology Clinic e.g. ITP, TTP, antithrombin III deficiency, Von Willebrands disease
- All patients with platelet count below 100 on 28 week bloods
- Sickle cell disease

Cardiac – follow new cardiac obstetric care pathway as above

- Complex congenital heart disease/surgery OR aortic disease/surgery
- Moderate OR severe valvular heart disease
- Significant history of dysrhythmias
- Any patient under regular cardiology review, including multiples who may have been seen in previous pregnancies

Respiratory

- Severe asthma
- Significant history of respiratory disease e.g. cystic fibrosis, restrictive lung disease sarcoidosis, fibrosing alveolitis, pneumothorax

Neurological

- Any patient with a history or current intra-cranial pathology
- Any patient with a history of neuro-inflammatory disease e.g. MS

Spine

- All patients with any degree of spina bifida
- Any patient with a history of back surgery

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However, we are happy to see any patient with back problems if they have specific concerns.

GIT/Liver

- Any patient with a history of major abdominal surgery
- Chronic liver disease of any cause

Renal

- Any patient with chronic renal failure
- All renal transplant recipients

Miscellaneous

- **Morbid obesity i.e. Booking BMI greater than 45**
All mothers with a BMI 35-45 will be seen in the Healthy Pregnancy Clinic at 24 weeks & screened for anaesthesia related problems. A referral to anaesthetic clinic will be made by the Healthy Pregnancy Clinic staff only if specific concerns
- Previous history of specific anaesthetic-related problems e.g. suxamethonium apnoea, malignant hyperthermia
- History of IV drug use or long term opioid use
- Severe drug allergy
- Patients who refuse blood transfusion e.g. Jehovah's Witness