

Antenatal Assessment Unit criteria for Maternity Services, Singleton.

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Antenatal Assessment Unit hours

Opening hours:

24 hours a day 7 days a week for acute maternity admissions.

Telephone number: 01792 286111

All referrals via community midwife/obstetrician/GP or women who are self-referring need to be telephoned through to the above number, so that staff are aware of the intended arrival or to provide an appointment if indicated.

Admission Criteria

Any gestation

- Hypertension requiring hospital review (see hypertension guideline)
- Suspected PET

Over 17 weeks gestation

- Abdominal Pain
- Fall/Trauma to abdomen
- Suspected Pre-Term Labour
- Suspected Pre-Term Pre-Labour Rupture of Membranes (PPROM)
- Suspected sepsis
- Labour assessments for women with complexity
- Rupture of membranes for women with complexity
- Diabetic with unstable blood glucose readings

Over 20 weeks' gestation

- APH/PV bleeding

Over 24 weeks gestation

- AFM/DFM over 24 weeks gestation (Out of ADAU hours) or in addition reports abdominal pain/painful contractions.
- Abnormal fetal heart rate / pattern on auscultation (excluding ectopic beats)
- Unable to auscultate fetal Heart in community

Exclusion Criteria

- Postnatal women
- Any woman transferred via ambulance (to be admitted directly to labour ward)
- Medical Reviews - Any woman with non-pregnancy problems / symptoms that do not require an obstetric review should be referred to relevant department and not AAU
- Hyperemesis (see below for review process)

This list is not exhaustive and there will be times where discussions with the obstetric team will be required for women who fall outside of this criteria list.

Review of women with Hyperemesis

- Any women with hyperemesis should be seen in ADAU. These women should have booked appointments via GP.
- Outside of ADAU working hours (Monday-Friday 08.30-15.30 or Bank Holidays) if an appointment is essential and cannot wait until the next working day, the gynae registrar who takes the referral should admit women <20 weeks gestation to ward 4 for review and rapid hydration. If there are no beds available then women should be admitted to ward 19 and not AAU.
- All women over 20 weeks gestation requiring admission should be admitted to ward 19 and not AAU.
- If there are no beds available on ward 4 or ward 19 to admit women then the labour ward coordinator should be informed and, if necessary, a decision made with the manager on call as to where these women are admitted.

NB. Please note in most cases these women will not be emergency cases and appointment times should be offered an appointment in day time hours.

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