

Dear Dr,

The Illawarra has an Antenatal Shared Care (ANSC) program that provides support and education to GPs who provide antenatal care.

Our ANSC program aims to:

- Provide pregnant woman with flexibility, choice and continuity of care.
- Cater for the preferences and needs of women from a diverse range of cultural and religious backgrounds.
- Enhance skills of GP's caring for woman during pregnancy.
- Promote Communication between GP's and Wollongong/ Shellharbour Hospitals.

Criteria for Inclusion of Patient

- Pregnant woman chooses Shared Care as her preferred method of care during pregnancy.
- Assessment at 12 weeks by obstetrician at hospital to continue care with GP.
- Should any complications arise that requires monitoring at the clinic, the woman will discontinue on the ANSC program.

GPs from the Illawarra were involved in creating a clinical pathway to which we all refer, and women are 'tracked' by myself to ensure continuity of care.

If you are interested in seeing any of your patients through their pregnancy, I will visit you to go through our pathway and answer any questions you may have about the program.

There is also an 'Induction' to attend, and yearly Updates at Wollongong Hospital. QICPD points are awarded.

Please contact me (Antenatal Shared Care Coordinator) to arrange a meeting. Depending on your previous experience in Obstetrics, it should take a half to 1 hour of your time.

Many thanks,

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