

HOME BIRTH INFORMATION FOR CLIENTS:

Prescriptions required from your doctor for your homebirth:

- Syntocinon (in case of haemorrhage after birth)
- Syntometrine (in case of severe haemorrhage after birth)
- IM Maxolon (in case of severe vomiting during labour – if desired)
- Xylocaine 1% (local anaesthetic in case of stitches)
- Vitamin K / Konakion injection for the baby (if desired)
- Hepatitis B injection for the baby (if desired)

Pathology request forms for Anti D for Rhesus Negative mothers x 3 times - (if desired) saying “please supply Anti D”:

- 1 at 28 weeks
- 1 at 34-36 weeks
- 1 within 72 hours of birth

Pathology / request forms for:

- Antenatal booking bloods (including: FBC, RPR, Group and antibodies, HIV, Hep B, Hep C, Rubella)
- 18 to 20 week ultrasound request (if desired)
- 28 week bloods (including FBC and antibodies, GCT (if desired)
- 36 weeks bloods (FBC – includes Haemoglobin level)
- Baby’s cord blood for Rhesus negative mothers – requesting blood group, Rh factor and Direct Coombs test (checking for mother’s cells in the baby’s blood)
- Mother’s blood test for after the birth “Kleihauer” test (checking for fetal cells in the mother’s blood)

****Please ensure your midwife’s details are on the request slip to obtain copies for your homebirth record****

****ALSO REQUIRED BY SOME HOSPITALS IS A GP REFERRAL TO YOUR BOOKING-IN HOSPITAL IN CASE OF TRANSFER****

Oxygen: Before 36 weeks gestation, I will fax a letter to a supplier to arrange your oxygen cylinder. It is preferable to have this at your home from 36 weeks onwards. I will then give you a copy of the letter for your records. If you do not hear from them, you might like to give them a call anyway to open your account in time for the birth.

Referral letters:

- I will provide a referral to your booking-in hospital with my details
 - Some hospitals also require a referral from your GP to the hospital
 - I will provide a letter outlining my contact details to your GP, asking them to provide copies of any pathology results for me.
 - I will send a referral letter to your GP after the birth, in case of any follow-up required.
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CHECKLIST FOR HOMEBIRTH MOTHERS FOR AFTER THE BABY IS BORN
(NOTE: ALL TESTS ARE SUBJECT TO MOTHERS INFORMED CHOICE)

Babies of Rhesus Negative mothers

Cord blood sample for baby's blood group, Rh factor and Direct Coombs' test taken **at birth**.
Sample usually taken to QML **(See below for blood test for mother).

Vitamin K / Konakion ****This needs to be prescribed by a doctor**

IM Injection: Given as single injection **after birth** of 0.1mL left thigh.
Or: Orally: Give 0.2mL (1 Amp) on Day 0, Day 3 and 4 Weeks

Newborn Hepatitis B Injection ****This needs to be prescribed by a doctor**

Given as a single injection right thigh **after birth**, (can be given up until baby is 7 days old)

Babies of Hep B pos (HBsAg+ve) mothers should also be given Hep B Immunoglobulin (HBIG) within **12 hours of birth**

Immunisations can be done at GP or BCC immunisation clinic PH: 3403 8888

*Also see Australian Vaccination Network (AVN) www.avn.org.au for reasons against vaccination.

Rhesus Negative mothers ****This needs to be prescribed by a doctor**

Antenatally – test father of baby (not always correct but usually if father is negative and mother is negative, baby should be negative too). GP should have written out pathology forms.

- 1 – baby's group and coombs.
- 2 – mother's kleihauer.
3. "please supply Anti D".

Ensure your midwife's details are on referral form to request copies of results.

Blood test "Kleihauer" to test for antibodies **within 24 hours** of birth (and before Anti D).
**QML (anytime) will come to the house to take Kleihauer blood test from mother if need be.
Phone number (07) 3121 4450. There is a charge for this service.

Once baby's blood group is known;

-If baby is also Rh Neg – no further action necessary.

-If baby is Rh Pos – Anti D injection offered to mother within **72 hours of birth**

**Anti D – pick up using GP supplied pathology form. Can pick up from Blood Bank.

GP visit for Newborn Health Check

Recommended at **Day 5-10** after birth.

Healthy Hearing Test

To be organised through the booking in hospital soon **after birth** (after 34 weeks gestation and before 3 months of age).

All children in Queensland are entitled to the test.

Ms Shirley Glennon
Statewide Coordinator
Healthy Hearing Program
Statewide Health and Community Services Branch
Queensland Health

ph: 3131 6814

e-mail: Shirley_Glennon@health.qld.gov.au

Centrelink, Family Assistance and Medicare Forms

Lodge **before 26 weeks** after birth of baby.

Include on application form midwife's registration details, name, address, contact number.

PH: 1300 367 676

Application for Birth Certificate:

Apply **within 60 days** of the birth – then it is free of charge. For a fee, you can have a standard full birth certificate sent to you. Separate form for each child in a multiple birth.

www.justice.qld.gov.au click on births, deaths and marriages and on left hand side of screen, choose "apply for a birth certificate".

Can be posted to:

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages
PO Box 15188
City East, QLD 4002

Phone: (07) 3247 5816

Or lodged at: 110 George Street, Brisbane.

Or Pick up the form from hospitals, magistrates, court offices and the Registry Office in Brisbane. Lodge form in same place.

Child Health Referral

When baby is **6 weeks old**

Qld Health Child Health Line (24 hours) for information and advice.

PH: (07) 3862 2333 / 1800 177 279

GP Visit for Postnatal Check for Mother

Recommended at **6 weeks** postnatally.

Can discuss issues such as contraception, pap smear, postnatal check.

Australian Breastfeeding Association (24 hours)

PH: 1800 686 2 686

Poisons Information Centre (24 hours)

PH: 13 11 26

Brisbane Centre for Postnatal Disorders

PH: (07) 3398 0238

Domestic Violence Information Line

PH: 1800 811 811

Crisis Care (Child Protection)

PH: (07) 3235 9999 / 1800 177 135

Health Services Info Line

PH: (07) 3236 4833

Disability Information and Awareness Line

PH: 1800 010 222