

Pregnancy Care in General Practice

Code: 585 883

Title of Subject: Pregnancy Care in General Practice

Credit Points: 12.5

Semester Offered: Semester 1

Mode of Delivery: Distance

Level: Postgraduate

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Kelsey Hegarty

Prerequisites and/or Co-requisites: Nil

Estimated time commitment: 120 hours (includes reading course materials, all activities and assessments)

Description:

This subject provides an introduction to pregnancy care in the primary care setting. Its purpose is to develop the clinician's knowledge and skills in the provision of care to pregnant women assessed at low risk of complications. Topics covered include the physiology of pregnancy related to risk assessment, tests and investigations, lifestyle considerations and clinical assessment.

Learning Objectives:

On completion of this subject students should be able to:

- Relate the physiology of pregnancy to care provided to a pregnant women at low risk of complications
- Understand the different models of maternity care available locally and the scope of practice of all health professionals involved in providing pregnancy care
- Provide information and education to pregnant women consistent with evidence based clinical practice guidelines
- Conduct clinical assessments for maternal well being and fetal growth in collaboration with the General Practitioner
- Develop a resource kit on local services providing information and education on childbirth, breast feeding, preparation for parenthood and local maternal and child health centres.

Generic Skills:

- To enhance skills in the provision of woman centred care
- To further develop communication skills

Prescribed Texts:

- 3 Centres Consensus Guidelines on Antenatal Care, Mercy Hospital for Women, Southern Health and Royal Women's Hospital, 2006 (<http://www.3centres.com.au/>)

Assessment:

- 1 Pregnancy resource folio equivalent to 2000 words due mid-semester (50%)
- 2 2000 word written assignment due end of semester (50%)

Clinical Component

- 3 Professional practice folio which must include evidence of competency in clinical pregnancy assessment skills due end of semester (pass/fail hurdle requirement)