

MY ANTENATAL RECORD

SURNAME	
Other Names	
Address	
SUPPORT Need counsellor?	Date of Birth Age
Husband or Partner Age	
Occupation His Hers	Religion
LMP Certain Uncertain	EDD
Pregnancy Planned Yes/No	Revised EDD (& reason dates revised)
Infertility / Contraception	Prenatal Diagnosis Discussed

PAST HEALTH Heart Renal / UTI Hypertension DVT Depression etc Surgery Transfusion Back & Spine Asthma	Medication (Prescribed or OTC) Cigarettes per day Alcohol (drinks) per day Cannabis, IV Drug Use Allergies	FAMILY HISTORY Diabetes Hypertension Depression etc Genetic Problem Caesarean Epilepsy DVT
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PREVIOUS PREGNACIES G P

Date & Place	Weeks Gestation	Mode of Delivery	Labour Hours	Birth Weight	Problems in Pregnancy, Labour or 3 rd Stage, Labour analgesia, Episiotomy etc, Puerperium, Infant Feeding, Depression etc.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Date
Height BMI

FIRST VISIT TESTS

Blood Group	Rubella Immune / Non-immune	Syphilis Negative / Positive
Blood Group Antibodies	Varicella Immune / Non-immune	Hepatitis B Negative / Positive
Full Blood Count	Urine Culture	Hepatitis C Negative / Positive
HB = on	Date & Report of Last Cervical Cytology	HIV Negative / Positive

ULTRASOUND

Date	FINDINGS
Fetal Size = weeks days Morphology	Placenta: Anterior Posterior Fundal Low

OTHER TESTS

	Chlamydia Fetal Chromosomes Alpha fetoprotein (AFP) Vaginal Swab C/S Glucose Challenge (AGT) Glucose Tolerance Test (GTT) Downs Risk Assessment (DRA) Preferred Pathologist
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Use a printed adhesive label whenever it is available. Changes will then look neater by application of another label if required. Trim labels to size.

Check the accommodation details – at home? shared with? Rented? Number of bedrooms?

SURNAME	
Other Names	
Address	
Date of Birth	Age

Essential data – add to label and circle if necessary

Shared Care	YES / NO
SUPPORT	Need counsellor?

Write the name of any GP /Clinic who is sharing care here eg Andrew Smith or Sue Moffitt Midwife at Smithtown

It is important to explore who the patient sees as their main source of support (independently of their partner) after the baby is born. I *always* ask about the woman's mother (or other mother figures including the partner's mother) and explore the relationship of the patient with that person. I will often enquire about "other family" and why the patient is living where they are. These sensitive questions may sometimes be best left to the end of the consultation when rapport has been established. If required, I will then ask the question: "Would you like to meet with a counsellor to discuss..." eg for relationship problems, "stress", social security entitlements, accommodation needs, domestic violence, history of sexual abuse etc.

All patients should be encouraged to nominate "the father of the baby". If they are reticent (or uncertain!) I ask about "who might be coming along when you have the baby" and then ask if I can write his first name on the record.

Husband or Partner	Age	Religion
Occupation	Hers	

Desirable information – and regarded as essential for medicolegal purposes!

Desirable information – and essential if the patient is a Jehovah's Witness.

Record here the date of the last normal period

Use this box for the "first estimate" of the due date – usually based on dates

LMP	Certain Uncertain	EDD
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Tick "Certain" only for regular, 28 day and spontaneous (not Pill) cycles.

Desirable information – will often result on an entry in my Obstetric Problem List and acts as a reminder to provide Family Planning (contraceptive advice) postnatally.

Record here any revision of the EDD (usually as a result of the first or earliest ultrasound measure of fetal size. Do NOT change dates if scan dates are within 7 dates of menstrual dates – see guidelines.

Pregnancy Planned Yes/No	Revised EDD (& reason dates revised)
Infertility / Contraception	Prenatal Diagnosis Discussed

I often record when the patient stopped using The Pill, had Implanon or an IUCD removed or was barrier methods as these may have implications for the calculation of dates.

Every patient should be told about their options for the prenatal diagnosis of chromosomal abnormalities (Down Syndrome)

It is important to NOT perform any such screens without counselling ie warning patients of the implications of a positive screen.

PAST HEALTH

Heart Renal / UTI Hypertension DVT
 Depression etc Surgery Transfusion
 Back & Spine Genital HSV Asthma

Use the checklist to uncover significant past health problems and use the blank space in this box to record the details. I prefer to strike out the conditions in the checklist when I have asked about them and tick the box for any positive response. Phrases I use include: Any known heart murmurs or rheumatic fever? Any kidney problems or bladder infections? High blood pressure? Blood clots or thromboses? Operations? Accidents or blood transfusions? Back or spine troubles? Asthma or bronchitis? Have you ever been treated for nerves or depression?

Include here information about iron, folate, vitamins (OTC=Over the Counter)

Ask "Have you ever injected yourself with drugs"

<p>Medication (Prescribed or OTC)</p> <p>Cigarettes per day Alcohol (drinks) per day Cannabis, IV Drug Use</p>	<p>FAMILY HISTORY</p> <p>Diabetes Hypertension Depression etc Genetic Problem Caesarean Epilepsy DVT</p>
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Use the checklist to uncover significant family history and use the blank space in this box to record the details. I prefer to strike out the conditions in the checklist when I have asked about them and to tick the box for any positive response. Phrases I use include:

Does depression or any other mental problem run in your family? Sugar diabetes? High blood pressure? Epilepsy? Blood clots or thromboses? Have any of your female relatives required Caesarean section for their births/babies? Is there any family history of genetic disorder? ie spina bifida, cleft lip or palate, holes in the heart requiring surgery, Down syndrome, mental retardation, club feet, kidney problems requiring transplant or replumbing? Any babies that were stillborn or died? Anyone have multiple miscarriages? What about your husband/partner's side of the family?

NB: Family History is relevant only to the female side except for Genetic Problems

PREVIOUS PREGNACIES G P Together with the patient's age, this is the single most important piece of information on this side of the record. Consider the implications of: "a 41 year old Primigravida" or "a 20 year old Gravida 6 and Para 2"

Date & Place	Weeks Gestation	Mode of Delivery	Labour Hours	Birth Weight	Problems in Pregnancy, Labour or 3 rd Stage, Labour analgesia, Episiotomy etc, Puerperium, Infant Feeding, Depression etc.

Each column should be completed according to the prompts. Acceptable abbreviations include month and year only for date
 CHBH = Coffs Harbour Base Hospital KGV = King George V RNSH = Royal North Shore Hospital RWH = Royal Womens Hospital
 JHH = John Hunter Hospital etc.

Record the month and date of miscarriages, the weeks of gestation and whether curettage was performed. Terminations of pregnancy (TOP) at <12-14 weeks are irrelevant and can be signalled by using **Gn Po**. TOPs >14 weeks require details

SVD = Spontaneous vaginal delivery (or NVD = Normal vaginal Delivery) F = Forceps NBF = Neville Barnes Forceps LOF = Low Outlet Forceps KFR = Kiellands Forceps Rotation Vent = Ventouse

Do not write LSCS unless you are sure it was a lower segment Caesarean. EI CS = Elective Caesarean ie without labour
 Em CS = Emergency CS ie after the onset of labour and it is then preferable to record at what stage (of dilatation) the CS was performed.

Exploration of each of the trigger questions in the final column helps to explore the patient's previous pregnancy and birth experiences. It is desirable to record as much detail as possible eg with Pregnancy Induced Hypertension (PIH) record the week of onset, therapy or interventions (if any), period of hospitalisation etc. For Gestational Diabetes record interventions. For epidural record the stage of labour. For shoulder difficulty categorise as minor, mild, moderate, severe. For Postnatal Depression (PND) record interventions and duration. For breast feeding (B/F) record duration. Record also any significant neonatal outcomes eg nursery admissions, morbidity, handicap, cot death etc.

Don't forget to ask if all pregnancies are in the same relationship. I use numerals in the extreme right to indicate previous partners and bracket all pregnancies "in the current relationship". Ask if all children are currently in the care of the patient. If not, why not and where are they. A useful question can be "Have you ever had a child removed from your care?"

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Date
Height

The extent of any general physical examination that is relevant for pregnancy care is debatable. Patients who may never been examined before should have a basic cardiovascular exam, chest auscultation, thyroid and abdominal palpation. I also check for any obvious spinal or skin surface abnormality including varicosities. I recommend a dental check but do not perform routine breast or nipple examinations. I perform vaginal examinations only for those patients who need a Pap smear and then usually not at the first visit. A record of the patient's height is obstetrically desirable and important in the context of body mass index evaluation.

Write Rhesus as "Pos" or "Neg" rather than as "+", or "+ve" eg "O Pos" or "A Neg"
Likewise Blood Group Antibodies as "Neg" Or "Nil"

If you need a record of which tests you have ordered then underline the trigger word and circle the result when available.

Blood Group Blood Group Antibodies	Rubella Immune / Non-immune	Syphilis Negative / Positive
	Urine Culture	Hepatitis B Negative / Positive
Full Blood Count	Date & Report of Last Cervical Cytology	Hepatitis C Negative / Positive
HB = on		HIV Negative / Positive

Full blood count refers to the "Coulter Counter" evaluation of HB, red cell indices, white cells and platelets. The usual result is "NAD"
The HB result and its date is separately noted.

Should be a trigger to perform a Pap test if >2 years.

HIV is regarded as a desirable routine test with appropriate counselling. HepC is still an optional test.

ULTRASOUND

Date	FINDINGS
	Fetal Size = weeks days Placenta: Anterior Posterior Fundal Low
	Morphology

Use this row for 1st Trimester Scans

Use this row for the Routine 2nd Trimester Scan Report only

Use this row for 3rd Trimester Scans

Use this column to record the Date the scan was performed

Always record the estimate of gestation by the scan (1st trimester) and any significant positive or negative findings eg FHS = Fetal heart seen, Morphology NAD
EFW = Estimated fetal weight, AFI = Amniotic Fluid Index, S/D = Doppler results etc.

Use this column to note the Date of each additional test

Please use the abbreviation given in brackets to shorthand each test

OTHER TESTS

	<p>Chlamydia Fetal Chromosomes Alpha fetoprotein (AFP) Low Vaginal Swab (LVS) Glucose Challenge (AGT) Glucose Tolerance Test (GTT) Downs Risk Assessment (DRA)</p> <p>Preferred Pathologist</p>
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Please read and heed

Please note the Pathology Service Used