



#### **Issue: Obstetric Kit - Review #4**

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*Background:* Proposal to replace the sterile 'Disposable Delivery Pack' component from the overall Obstetric Kit contents, with a more comprehensive pre-assembled package.

*Discussion:* The standard Obstetric Kits in RHB health centres are comprised of a combination of smaller single units or pre-packaged components. For example, *sterile single-use instruments, catheter pack, Baby thermal wrap*, in addition to the *disposable delivery pack* referred to in this proposal.

The newly recommended pack incorporates some single items that are already included in the larger kit (e.g. Spencer Wells forceps); therefore the number of single-unit items within the overall kit could be reduced. There are also a number of additional useful items conveniently grouped in the one *Disposable Delivery Pack*.

There are plans for a comprehensive review of all standard emergency kits. However, given the opportunity to make a reasonable improvement to the Obstetric Kit without creating major impact on other emergency kits, a small quantity of Delivery Packs were purchased and distributed for trial at some larger Top End health centres.

Subsequently it is agreed to introduce the new Delivery Pack into the standardised Obstetric Kit. The move to this new pack will require health centres to replace one pack with another, and make some other minor adjustments to the Obstetric Kit.

*Consultation:* Outreach Midwives; Borroloola RANs

*References:* Product information

*Outcome:* **A revised laminated [Obstetric Kit contents list](#) will be distributed to all RHB health centres.**

Purchase and distribution of the Disposable Maternity Packs and dissecting scissors will be managed centrally. Subsequent replacement will be through [Remote Health Stock](#) processes.

Primary Health Care Managers are responsible for ensuring the new Disposable Maternity Pack is incorporated into the overall obstetric kit, and that necessary adjustments are made according to revised contents list.