



Issue: Bakri Balloons

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Background: Suggestion from remote area staff that the use of Bakri Balloons may be useful in Remote communities for the treatment of post partum haemorrhage (PPH).

Discussion: Bakri Balloons require ultrasound and a trained health professional to guide insertion. Ultrasound machines are not routinely available in remote clinics nor does staff training routinely occur. Therefore the use of Bakri Balloons is not currently suited to the remote health setting.

The Women's Business Manual has the current protocol for treatment of PPH. This protocol is reflective of what is taught in the CRANA Maternal Emergency Care course.

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References: [Product information](#)

Outcome: The use of Bakri Balloons is not recommended as a standard treatment option in Remote Health.

In the event of ultrasound equipment and appropriately trained personnel being available on an ongoing basis, in a given Remote Health location, then stocking of a Bakri Balloon may be considered.