

MIDWIFERY GROUP PRACTICE (MGP) - CA FACT SHEET FOR REMOTE COMMUNITIES

How it works:

- The MGP care for women residing in Alice Springs and Remote communities.
- All women are able to be referred to the program, no matter how complex their medical history may be.
- There are currently 12 midwives in the practice who each take on a caseload of 32-40 women each year. The team is split into four smaller groups. These smaller groups work with each other to provide a support and backup system, for when the midwives are on days off, unexpected leave, professional development or annual leave.
- One of these smaller teams are dedicated to purely caring for women from the Barkly Region. Two of these midwives are based in Tennant Creek and two are based in Alice Springs. Therefore all women seeking pregnancy care within the Barkly region automatically have access to the program.
- The rest of the MGP team care for women from Alice Springs or from the remaining remote communities.
- The midwives are allocated women as they are referred to the program and will become the primary carer and work closely with other services and health professionals to provide individualised care. We use the word “Primary” carer within our practice to distinguish between the primary or the associate midwife. We do however acknowledge that women from remote communities are also cared for by midwives and nurses who are based within the community.
- Women are able to be booked onto the programme from 8-10 weeks onward and will need either the referral form filled out with as much information as possible (if you don't have the specific MGP referral form please ring the receptionist and she will email/fax one to you) or you can directly email the MGP Manager (details as below). **Please note that an Estimated Date of Birth (EDB) is needed to be able to place a woman onto the programme (unless they are from the Barkly Region and will automatically be placed on to the program).**
- If the women are booked onto the programme by the time they are to come to town for their morphology scan, their allocated midwife will be very happy to meet her at the appointment so she can introduce herself and start to form a relationship with the women, that will aide in the trust needed to be able to provide optimum care.
- If the women are not placed onto the programme until after the morphology scan, and they do not need to come to Alice Springs for an obstetric review during their pregnancy, they will meet their MGP midwife at “Sit Down”.
- During the antenatal period the MGP midwife will link up with the Remote Area Midwife / Remote Area Nurse / Remote Outreach Midwife in the community they are from to establish good communication pathways that will help to collaborate care.
- The midwives in the practice work with different computer systems but do have access to the Primary Care Information System (PCIS). The midwives will work out which communication system will be best per individual community i.e. fax, email, post etc.

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- The midwives use the “National Midwifery Guidelines for Consultation and Referral” to assist them in planning care and referring when needed. It is often thought that the remote women need to see a doctor for their initial appointment, but if they are on the MGP programme they will ensure that the women are seen by the appropriate health members.
- The midwives care for the women during the antenatal period, will be there at the birth and continue to provide care while they are in town after the baby is born.
- Once the client is on the programme they stay on it, even if they develop complexities in their pregnancy.

How to book a woman into MGP

- You can phone the clinic on 0889517067 and speak with the receptionist
- Fill in the MGP referral form and fax it to 0889517838.
- Email raelene.carroll@nt.gov.au with the relevant information.

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