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Medical Obstetric Update and
Infections in Pregnancy Update

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High Risk Pregnancy

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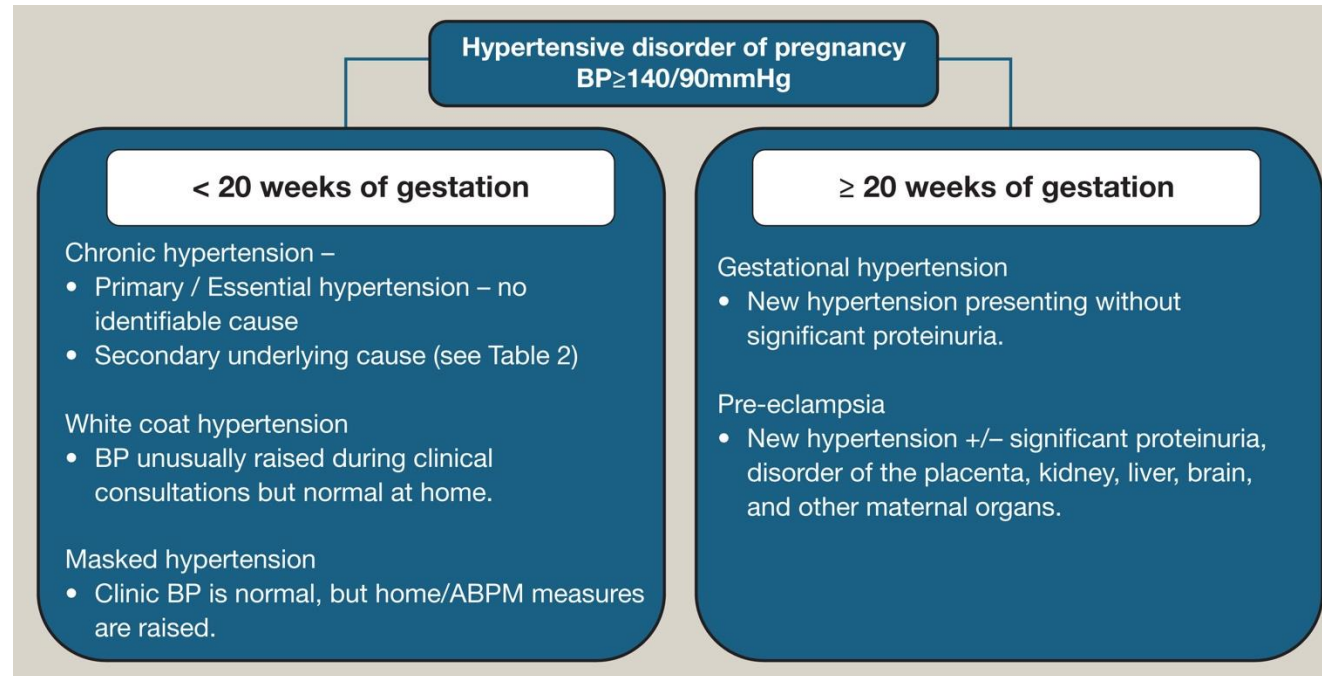
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Preeclampsia



Preeclampsia is a multi-system disorder - **new onset** of hypertension (SBP ≥ 140 mmHg and/or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg) **after 20 weeks'** gestation accompanied by one or more signs of **new onset organ involvement**.

- Renal – proteinuria (uPCR > 30 mg/mmol) or serum creatinine > 90 µmol/l.
- Liver – raised serum transaminases
- Hematological – thrombocytopenia, hemolysis or DIC.
- Neurological – seizures, cerebral irritability (hyperreflexia/clonus, PRES or persistent visual changes) or cerebrovascular accident.
- Pulmonary oedema
- Placental dysfunction – fetal growth restriction with abnormal umbilical artery dopplers or oligohydramnios.
- Biomarkers - sFLT1:PIGF ratio as a 'rule out' test.

Risk stratification in preeclampsia



A summary of the 2023 Society of Obstetric Medicine of Australia and New Zealand (SOMANZ) hypertension in pregnancy guideline



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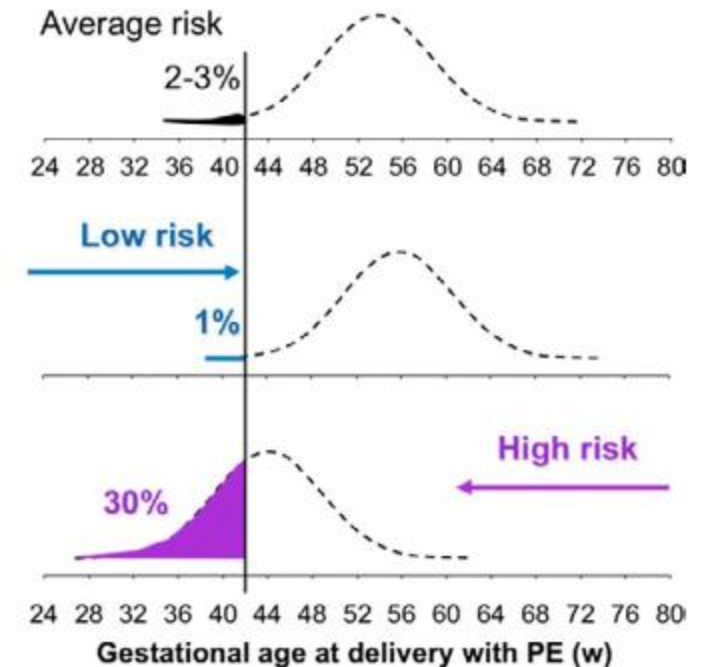
The 2021 International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy classification, diagnosis & management recommendations for international practice[☆]

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Screening for women at risk of preeclampsia

- Women should be **screened** for their risk of preeclampsia **early** in the pregnancy. (1B)
- At a minimum, risk stratification should be done based on **maternal risk factors** (maternal characteristics, medical and obstetric history).
- Use of a **combined first trimester screen** (combined maternal features, biomarkers and sonography) to identify women at risk of developing preeclampsia is conditionally recommended (2B) based on local availability and access to the required resources.
 - Combined screening for preeclampsia and aneuploidy at K12-K14 during nuchal translucency appointment.



Factors identified as 'High Risk' for developing preeclampsia	
1 or more risk factors	Previous hypertensive disorder during prior pregnancy
	Chronic kidney disease or kidney impairment
	Multi-fetal gestation
	Pre-existing chronic hypertension
	Pre-existing Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes mellitus
	Autoimmune disorders e.g. systemic lupus erythematosus, anti-phospholipid syndrome
Factors identified as 'Moderate Risk' for developing preeclampsia	
2 or more risk factors	Advanced maternal age (>40)
	Obesity (BMI ≥ 35)
	Nulliparity
	Family history of preeclampsia
	Interpregnancy interval of 10 or more years
	Assisted reproduction technologies
Systolic blood pressure >130mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure >80	







	'High-risk' factors (any one)	'Moderate-risk' factors (two or more)
Prior pregnancy history	Prior pre-eclampsia	Prior placental abruption Prior stillbirth Prior fetal growth restriction
Demographics	Pre-pregnancy BMI > 30 kg/m ²	Maternal age >40 years
Pre-existing medical conditions	Chronic hypertension Pre-gestational diabetes mellitus Chronic kidney disease (inc. kidney transplanted women)† Systemic lupus erythematosus/antiphospholipid antibody syndrome†	
This pregnancy	Assisted reproductive therapy‡	Nulliparity Multifetal pregnancy

Preventative strategies - Aspirin

- Initiation of **aspirin** in women at high risk of developing preeclampsia, **prior to 16 weeks'** gestation, is strongly recommended. (1B)
- The **dose of 150mg/day** of aspirin is strongly recommended. (1B)
- The use of **bedtime** aspirin is conditionally recommended. (2C)
- **Cessation** of aspirin between **34 weeks'** gestation and birth is conditionally recommended. (2B)
- Universal aspirin in low-risk nulliparous women is conditionally recommended against. (2B)
- Counselling on the use of aspirin in pregnancy is recommended to improve adherence to aspirin in pregnancy. (PP)

ASPIRIN IN PREGNANCY

Preeclampsia is a common pregnancy related condition that can be dangerous to the mother's and baby's wellbeing. You may be at risk of preeclampsia if you have any of the following risk factors:



High blood pressure

Diabetes


Kidney Disease

Autoimmune disorder


Previous preeclampsia

High risk on first trimester screening


However, your risk of preeclampsia can be reduced by 60-70% with the optimal use of aspirin



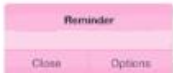
Start aspirin **before 16 weeks** of pregnancy



Take **150mg** daily (Either ½ of 300mg or 1 & ½ of non-coated 100mg aspirin)




Take aspirin everyday at **bedtime** until your doctor advises you to stop aspirin



Don't forget to take aspirin as it doesn't work if you miss even 10% of doses. **Use a reminder** to help you

Treatment with aspirin should not replace your antenatal care with your health care provider. Please discuss any concerns you may have with your health care provider.



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Preventative Strategies – other pharmaceuticals

- Calcium
 - The use of **supplemental calcium** is strongly recommended in pregnant **women with low dietary calcium intake** (<1g/day) for the prevention of preeclampsia, preterm birth, and gestational hypertension. (1C)
 - Assess dietary calcium intake prior to recommending oral calcium supplementation (PP)
 - Consider assessing serum corrected calcium in those taking calcium oral supplementation(to ensure the absence of hypercalcemia). (PP)
- Others **NOT** recommended:
 - Omega-3 lung chain polyunsaturated fatty acids
 - Vitamins C, D & E, Garlic, Magnesium, Progesterone, Statins, Metformin.
 - Clopidogrel, LMWH (if no thrombophilia or APLS)

Exercise in pregnancy

- **Moderate intensity exercise**, in the form of aerobic, stretching and/or muscle resistance exercises, for a total of **2.5-5 hours a week**, as recommended as part of routine pregnancy wellbeing has the added benefit of reducing the risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. (2D)
- Exercise regimen should be commenced early in the pregnancy. (PP)

Exercising in pregnancy

Pregnant women should get at least **2.5-5 hours of moderate-intensity activities every week**.

This can be in the form of aerobic, stretching or muscle resistance exercises.

Exercise in pregnancy has been shown to reduce medical complications in pregnancy, including hypertension (high blood pressure) and excessive weight gain in pregnancy.



Aerobic exercises

Aerobic exercises involve continuous activities that use large muscle groups and elevates the heart rate and breathing. Some examples of aerobic exercises include:

Brisk walking | Stationary cycling | Swimming



Stretching exercises

Slow and controlled stretches (i.e.: yoga) can be incorporated as part of warm up or exercise routine



Muscle resistance exercises

Strengthening exercises should be performed twice per week, on non-consecutive days, covering the main muscle groups of the body. Resistance can be provided by light weights, body weight or elasticised resistance-bands.

Aim to perform 1 to 2 sets of 12 to 15 repetitions for each exercise. These strengthening exercises should be performed with slow and steady movements and proper breathing technique (i.e.: exhale on exertion).

Avoid heavy weight-lifting and activities that involve straining or holding the breath. Exercises should not be performed lying flat on the back after the first trimester and walking lunges are best avoided to prevent injury to the pelvic connective tissue.

If you are new to exercise, start out slowly and gradually increase your activity. Begin with as little as 5 minutes a day. Add 5 minutes each week until you can stay active for 30 minutes a day.

Warning signs to stop physical activity

If you experience chest pain, persistent shortness of breath, severe headache, persistent dizziness, painful uterine contractions, or vaginal bleeding during physical activity, be sure to stop and seek immediate medical attention. Check the appropriateness of your physical activity with your doctor if you develop new medical issues in your pregnancy.

Longterm consequences of preeclampsia

- Women should be **informed** of the **long-term risks** associated with preeclampsia, gestational hypertension and chronic hypertension and the importance of postpartum follow up **prior to discharge** from hospital (PP)
- Women should be **reviewed by a health care provider within 1 week of discharge** from hospital to ensure stable blood pressure post discharge and titrate medications accordingly. (PP)
- **At 3-6 months postpartum**, a follow up review of
 - blood pressure (consider a 24-hour blood pressure monitor if not previously done),
 - urine protein assessment (uACR and/or uPCR),
 - BMI and metabolic profile (fasting blood glucose and fasting cholesterol assessment)
- **Interventions** for any abnormalities (i.e. further investigations, specialist referral, weight management, lifestyle changes, smoking cessation) should be discussed. (PP)

- A **yearly follow up** of blood pressure, urine protein assessment, BMI and metabolic profile should be considered in identifying early abnormalities in the first 5-10 years postpartum (PP)
- At every review, women should be **opportunistically screened** for postpartum depression and anxiety. The Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) can be used as an initial screening tool . (PP)
- At every review, women should be counselled on the risk of preeclampsia and gestational hypertension in **subsequent pregnancies** and the **importance of pre-conception medical optimization, contraception** (where indicated) and risk minimization strategies (i.e.: prophylactic aspirin). (PP)

< 6 weeks postpartum

- Blood pressure assessment
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory avoidance (where possible)
- Adherence to antihypertensives
- Screen for features of postpartum depression and/or anxiety. The Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) can be used as an initial screening tool

3-6 months postpartum

- Blood pressure assessment with a 24-hour blood pressure monitor where possible
 - Consider further assessment for a secondary hypertension screen +/- specialist review if blood pressure remains $\geq 130/80$ mmHg (ABPM), $\geq 140/90$ mmHg (clinic blood pressure assessment) or if remains on antihypertensives
 - Encourage lifestyle measures if BP is noted to be persistently $> 120/80$ mmHg
- Assess for normalisation of abnormal laboratory-based results
 - Consider further assessment +/- specialist review for persistently abnormal renal function, urine microalbumin to creatinine ratio (uACR), urine protein to creatinine ratio (uPCR), liver function or haematological parameters.
- Screen for features of postpartum depression and/or anxiety
 - Consider a combination of non-pharmacological and pharmacological intervention
- Metabolic screen: BMI, fasting cholesterol and fasting blood glucose level assessment
 - Consider a combination non-pharmacological and pharmacological interventions in addressing abnormal metabolic features
- Discuss future pregnancies: importance of pre-conception care and early preeclampsia prophylactic intervention (i.e: aspirin, regular exercise, dietary +/- supplemental calcium)
- Discuss contraception where relevant (where there is need for medical optimisation) prior to next pregnancy)
- Explain future cardiovascular, metabolic and renal risk factors.

Yearly review

- Reassessment of metabolic, cardiovascular and renal risk factors (BP, weight, lipid and glycaemic profile, urine protein analysis)
- Discuss future pregnancies: importance of pre-conception care and early preeclampsia prophylactic intervention (i.e. aspirin, regular exercise, dietary +/- supplemental calcium)
- Explain future cardiovascular, metabolic and renal risk factors

SOMANZ Hypertension in Pregnancy Guideline 2023

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The **SOMANZ Hypertension in Pregnancy Guideline 2023** represents a comprehensive update of the previous 2014 version and has been approved by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) under section 14A of the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992, reflecting its alignment with NHMRC's clinical practice guideline standards.

Developed with academic rigor, the guideline adheres to NHMRC's Guideline for Guidelines and employs the 'Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation' (GRADE) approach. It encompasses thirty-nine recommendations across eight sections, addressing key aspects such as screening, prevention, diagnosis, and management of hypertensive disorders in pregnancy.

Updates based on the latest data include recommendations on combined first-trimester screening for identifying women at risk of preeclampsia and sixteen preventative interventions. The

Guideline Documents

- **SOMANZ Hypertension in Pregnancy Guideline 2023**
- **Executive Summary of Recommendations SOMANZ HIPG 2023**
- **Top 10 Points for Clinicians from the SOMANZ HIPG 2023**
- **Top 10 Points for Women and Families from the SOMANZ HIPG 2023**
- Summary of the SOMANZ Hypertension in Pregnancy Guideline 2023 is accessible through the **Wiley Online Libray** (Open Access).

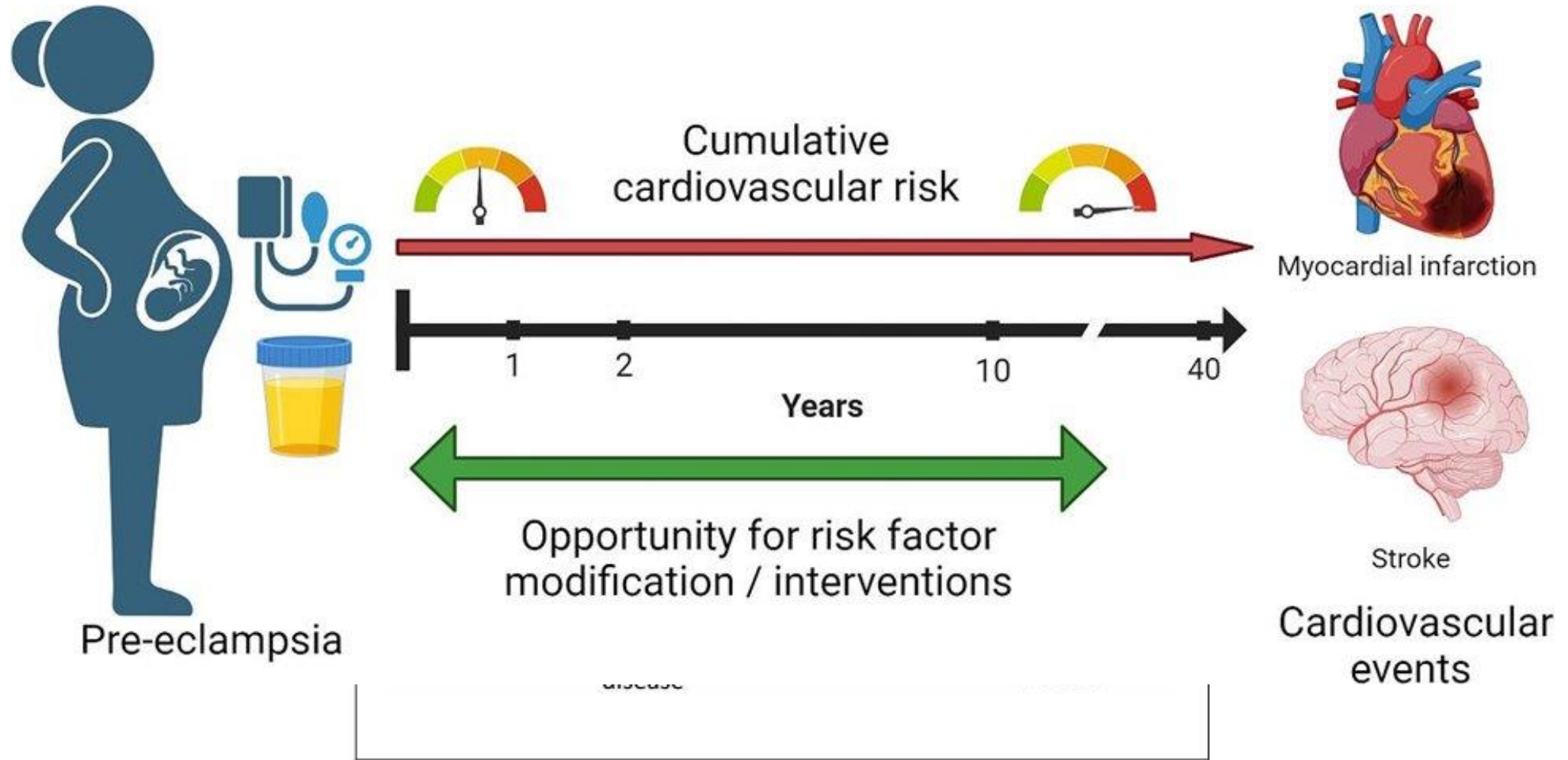
Flowsheets for Health Care Providers



Patient Information Sheets



RISK



Risk indicators

Have you had any pregnancy

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| Preeclampsia | <input type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |
| Gestational hypertension | <input type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |
| Gestational diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |
| Placental abruption | <input type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |
| Preterm birth (<37 weeks) | <input type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |
| Fetal growth restriction | <input type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |
| Stillbirth/intrauterine death | <input type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |

What you can do to reduce such risk



Stay active by exercising at least 150 minutes per week



Breastfeed as long as possible



Aim to have the best body weight



Get at least 6 hours of sleep regularly



Eat a diverse diet rich in colourful fruits and vegetables, including nuts and seeds; and reduce salt, fats and sugar intake



See your primary care provider for routine appointments



Live smoke-free



Consider suitable contraception method(s), space your next pregnancy at least 12 months apart, seek help from your provider to optimise your health before the next pregnancy and seek early attention when you become pregnant

Pregnancy after Bariatric Surgery



Introduction

- Maternal obesity is linked to multiple complications in pregnancy.
- ~2/3 of patients undergoing Bariatric surgery are women of childbearing age - improves fertility.

Shekelle PG, Newberry S, Maglione M, Li Z, Yermilov I, Hilton L, Suttrop M, Maggard M, Carter J, Tringale C, Chen S. Bariatric surgery in women of reproductive age: special concerns for pregnancy. Evid Rep Technol Assess (Full Rep). 2008 Nov;(169):1-51.

- Roux-en-Y gastric bypass was associated with more obstetric complications than Sleeve Gastrectomy.

Osiakwan SE, Jones KS, Reddy SB, Omotosho P, Skertich NJ, Torquati A. Pregnancy and birth complications among women undergoing bariatric surgery: sleeve gastrectomy versus Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. Surg Obes Relat Dis. 2025 Apr;21(4):509-515. doi: 10.1016/j.soard.2024.11.012.

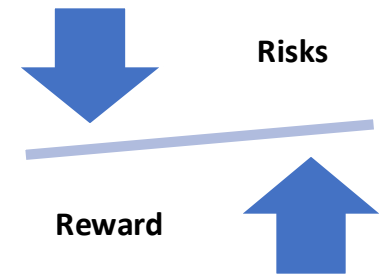
- Following bariatric surgery, pregnancy should be delayed by at least **12-18 months** due to ongoing weight loss and a discussion about contraception had.

- Pregnancy after bariatric surgery –
 - **Lower risk** of GDM, HDP and LGA
 - **Higher risk** of SGA and nutritional deficiencies


Harriet D Morgan, Amy E Morrison, Malak Hamza, Cathy Jones, Caroline Borg Cassar, Claire L Meek. The approach to a pregnancy after bariatric surgery, Clinical Medicine, Volume 25, Issue 1, 2025, 100275, ISSN 1470-2118.

Eccles-Smith J, Griffin A, McIntyre HD, Nitert MD, Barrett HL. Pregnancy and offspring outcomes after prepregnancy bariatric surgery. Am J Obstet Gynecol. 2025 May;232(5):485.e1-485.e9. doi: 10.1016/j.ajog.2024.08.044.

- A multifaceted and **multidisciplinary personalized approach** in recommended.



Pregnancy after bariatric surgery: Consensus recommendations for periconception, antenatal and postnatal care

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Healthy pregnancies after bariatric surgery



Contraception

- Postpone pregnancy until weight has stabilised
- Avoid oral contraception and encourage long-acting reversible contraceptive methods such as IUD



Diet

- Reduce quick-absorbing carbohydrates and opt for protein and low glycaemic index alternatives
- Avoid caffeine and alcohol
- Frequent, smaller meals



Surgical issues

- Inflate and deflate LAGB according to hyperemesis, GWG, and fetal growth
- Assess for internal herniation when abdominal pain is reported and treat promptly



Diabetes

- Avoid OGTT due to risk of dumping syndrome
- Monitor HbA1c every trimester if personal history of diabetes or risk factors
- CGM or seven point CBG between 24 and 28 weeks



Supplements

Vit D >40mcg Iron 45-60mg
Vit E 15mg Copper 2mg
Vit K 90-120µg Selenium 50µg
Thiamine >12mg
Zinc 8-15mg per 1mg copper
Calcium 1200-1500mg
Vit A 5000IU (B-carotene)
Folic acid 0.4mg, 4-5mg for GDM/obesity



Mental health

- Screen for substance abuse, anxiety, or other mental health disorders
- Offer follow up during and after pregnancy



Fetal monitoring

- Monitor fetal growth every trimester
- Assess for congenital anomalies or developmental problems such as intracranial bleeds



Gestational weight gain

- Monitor GWG according to IOM guidelines and screen for associated complications if necessary



Nutrient levels

- Check serum indices (micronutrients, protein and albumin, FBC, INR) after surgery, preconception, and every trimester in pregnancy and supplement as necessary



Breastfeeding

- Breast milk is not compromised after surgery and breastfeeding is recommended
- Monitor maternal micronutrients during lactation

Pregnancy considerations

- **Nutrient testing** – for ALL women as soon as possible, 1st trimester
 - FBC, iron studies, active B12, folate, thiamine, vitamins A, D & E.
 - Optional -
 - Cu – if persisting iron deficiency or on Zn supplements
 - Zn & Se – if deficiency suspected (eg. Gastric bypass).
 - Vitamin K and INR (malabsorptive procedures)
 - Repeat 'micronutrient screen' every trimester.
- **Gastrointestinal symptoms** -
 - Watch for things like postprandial hyperinsulinaemic hypoglycaemia (dumping syndrome), recurring vomiting, reflux disease, constipation or diarrhoea (esp. steatorrhoea) and upper abdominal pain.
 - **Constipation** is common –
 - Lifestyle intervention: ensure adequate hydration 6-8 glasses fluid/day), dietary fibre (25-35g/day) and physical activity.
 - May recommend bulk-forming laxative: e.g. Benefibre/wheat dextrin, Metamucil/psyllium husk, Fybogel/ispaghula husk).
 - Treat **dumping syndrome** with low GI carbohydrate (e.g. wholegrain crackers) with a source of protein and fat (e.g. peanut paste or cheese).

Appendix C: Suggested pregnancy nutrient and biochemical screening post bariatric surgery

Laboratory test		Pre conception	First trimester	2 nd and 3 rd trimester	Lactation (3 monthly)	Additional measurements/notes
Full blood count		✓	✓	✓	✓	
CHEM20*	Electrolytes Sodium, Potassium, Chloride, Creatinine, Chem Panel	✓	✓	✓		Order individual tests or if all required complete as part of a *CHEM20
	Albumin	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Calcium	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Magnesium	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Phosphate	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Liver function tests	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Renal Panel	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Thyroid function—thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)		✓	✓			At physicians' discretion Add on free thyroxine (FT4) if TSH abnormal
C Reactive Protein		✓	✓		✓	Baseline screen, then at physician's discretion. If systemic inflammation, risk of inaccurate plasma nutrient levels (e.g. vitamins A, B ⁶ , C, D, selenium, zinc). Repeat after resolves
Iron studies		✓	✓	✓	✓	Includes ferritin and transferrin saturation
Vitamin D—25 OH		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vitamin B ₁₂ (Cobalamin)		✓	✓	✓	✓	Folic acid supplementation may mask deficiency
Methylmalonic acid (MMA)		✓	✓	✓	✓	Sensitive index of vitamin B ₁₂ status At physicians' discretion
Folate (Serum)		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Zinc protoporphyrin		✓	✓	✓		
Vitamin A		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Retinol Binding Protein		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vitamin B ₁ (Thiamine diphosphate whole blood—THIAM)		✓				If repeated vomiting
Serum copper and ceruloplasmin			✓			Ceruloplasmin: copper carrying protein
Selenium			✓			
Vitamin E—Alpha-tocopherol (VITE)		If symptomatic anaemia or steatorrhea				
Vitamin B ₆ (Pyridoxine)		If multiple or severe deficiencies				
Vitamin C		If deficiency suspected				

Queensland Clinical Guidelines

Translating evidence into best clinical practice

Maternity and Neonatal Clinical Guideline

Obesity and pregnancy (including post bariatric surgery)



Guidelines for specific care management for maternal obesity including previous bariatric surgery

- Sensitive language to reduce weight stigma
- Sufficient resources (human and equipment)
- Local criteria for safe care provision
- Audit care

BMI classification (kg/m ²)		GWG		Total GWG	
• Underweight	< 18.5	Trimester 1	kg	Singleton	kg
• Normal	18.5–24.9*	• All women	0.5–2.0	• Normal	11.5–16
• Overweight	25.0–29.9*	Trimester 2+3	kg/week	• Overweight	7–11.5
• Obese I	30.0–34.9*	• Underweight	0.5	• Obese	5–9
• Obese II	35.0–39.9	• Normal	0.4	• Twin/triplet	kg
• Obese III	> 40	• Overweight	0.3	• Normal	17–25
		• Obese	0.2	• Overweight	14–23
				• Obese	11–19

*Variations for Asian background

Pre and inter-conception

- Comprehensive health assessment
- Discuss health impacts and options
- Consider referral to dietitian
- Aim to normalise weight
- Higher dose folic acid daily
- Personalised approach to weight concern and lifestyle
- Post BS: micronutrient supplements and monitoring
- Identify/optimize comorbidities (e.g. diabetes mellitus)

Antenatal

Assessment

- Comprehensive history (including past BS)
- Early antenatal booking-in
- Measure BMI pre-pregnancy and at 36 weeks
- Use correctly sized BP cuff
- If BS: micronutrient supplements/monitoring

Discuss

- Lifestyle options, healthy eating and physical activity
- GWG and consider weight gain chart use
- Implications for care (e.g. transfer of care)
- Greater inaccuracy early pregnancy screening

Refer as required

- Psychosocial wellbeing
- Mental health

Consider risk of

- Pre-eclampsia – low dose aspirin
- VTE and need for thromboprophylaxis

Elements	BMI (kg/m ²)	25–29.9	30–34.9	35–39.9	> 40	BS
Higher dose folic acid			✓	✓	✓	✓
Multidisciplinary		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Additional bloods			✓	✓	✓	✓
Early GDM screen			✓	✓	✓	✓ caution: OGTT
Additional USS				✓	✓	✓
Referrals						
Dietitian		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Obstetrician				Consult	✓	✓
Anaesthetic					✓	✓
Obstetric medicine						✓

Labour and birth

- If BMI > 40 kg/m²
 - Early assessment of IV access
 - Recommend CFM
- If prophylactic antibiotics, consider higher dosage
- Surveillance for shoulder dystocia/PPH
- Active third stage management




Postpartum

- Surveillance for airway compromise
- Early mobilisation
- Assess risk of VTE and consider thromboprophylaxis
- Additional support for breastfeeding
- Referral for ongoing healthy lifestyle support

Gestational diabetes (**GDM**) update – ADIPS 2025

Consensus statement

Australasian Diabetes in Pregnancy Society (ADIPS) 2025 consensus recommendations for the screening, diagnosis and classification of gestational diabetes

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What's new?

Overt diabetes in pregnancy (overt DIP) should be diagnosed at any time in pregnancy if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- fasting plasma glucose (FPG) ≥ 7.0 mmol/L;
- two-hour plasma glucose (2hPG) ≥ 11.1 mmol/L following a 75 g two-hour pregnancy oral glucose tolerance test (POGTT); and/or
- glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c) $\geq 6.5\%$ (≥ 48 mmol/mol).

Irrespective of gestation, **gestational diabetes mellitus should be diagnosed** using one or more of the following criteria during a 75 g two-hour POGTT:

- FPG ≥ 5.3 – 6.9 mmol/L;
- one-hour plasma glucose (1hPG) ≥ 10.6 mmol/L;
- 2hPG ≥ 9.0 – 11.0 mmol/L

The Consensus recommendations for BGL targets are:

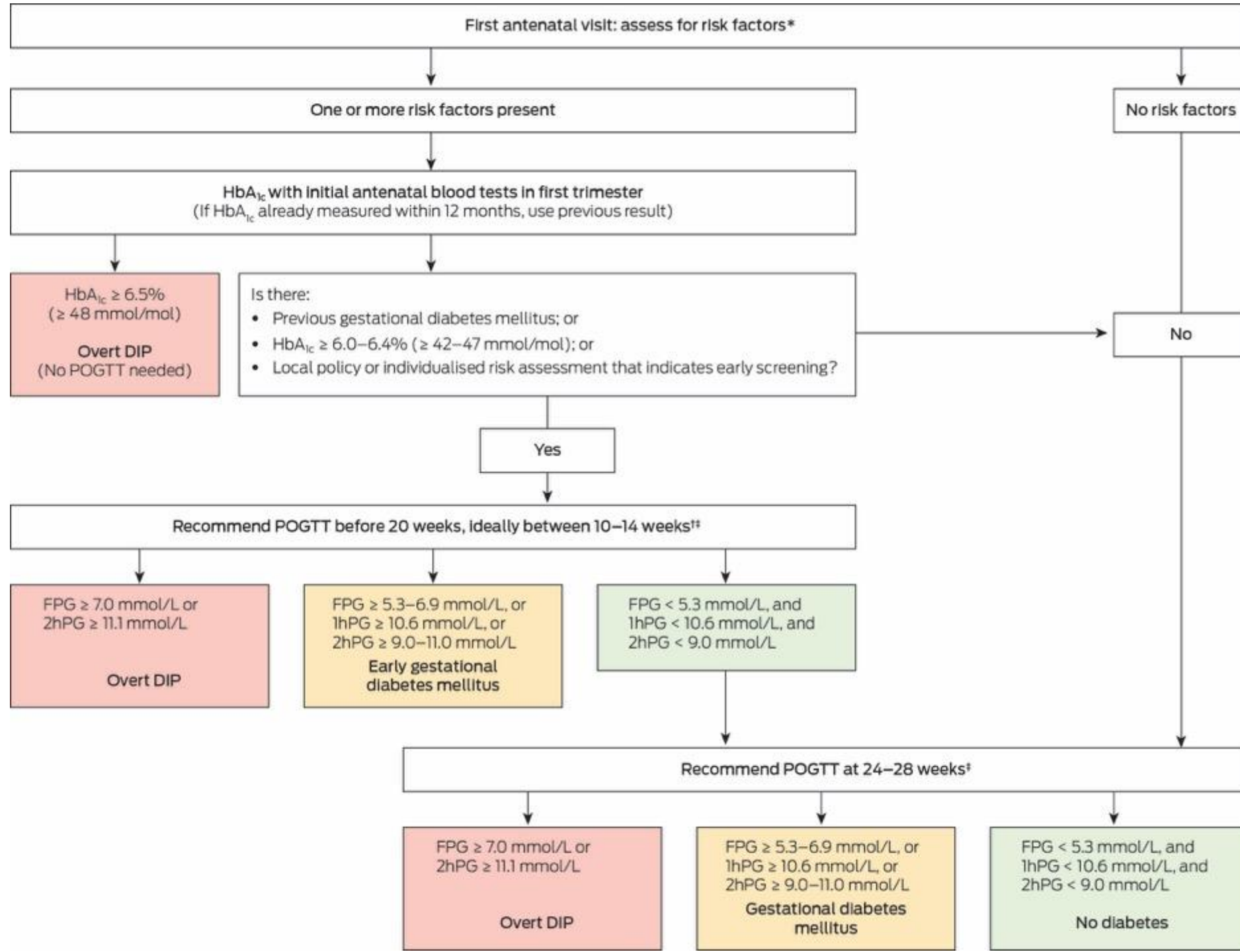
- Fasting—less than or equal to 5.2 mmol/L
- 1 hour after commencing meal—less than or equal to 7.4 mmol/L
- 2 hours after commencing meal—less than or equal to 6.7 mmol/L

Women with risk factors for hyperglycaemia in pregnancy should be advised to have the HbA1c measured in the first trimester.

- Women with HbA1c $\geq 6.5\%$ (≥ 48 mmol/mol) should be diagnosed & managed as having overt DIP.

Before 20 weeks' gestation, and ideally between 10- & 14-weeks' gestation, if tolerated, women with a previous history of gestational diabetes mellitus or early pregnancy HbA1c ≥ 6.0 - 6.4% (≥ 42 – 47 mmol/mol), but without diagnosed diabetes, should be advised to undergo a 75 g two-hour OGTT.

All women (without diabetes already detected in the current pregnancy) should be advised to undergo a 75 g two-hour POGTT at 24–28 weeks' gestation.



Thank You

