Your information

The information provided by you at the 1st Booking appointment is defined as ‘personal information’ in the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). Any person who has access to health information is bound by a confidentiality agreement.

NSW Health collects information from you for purposes including:

- Service delivery
- Continuity of care
- Clinical decision making
- Protection of Public Health
- Quality management
- Research

In order to assist women and their babies receive the most appropriate care and follow-up during pregnancy and birth, we aim to ensure that you have the opportunity to access all the support we are able to offer.

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

RPA Hospital
1st Booking appointment and information: www.rpawomenandbabies.com.au
Antenatal clinic appointments: 9515 7101
Delivery Ward: 9515 8420
Birth Centre: 9515 6405
Main Switch: 9515 6111

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RPA midwives and hospital staff are committed to helping achieve the best outcomes for women and their babies.

In order to look after you and your growing baby during your pregnancy you need to have ongoing antenatal care.

It is important for you to discuss the options for your care with an RPA recognised Shared Care GP, have the appropriate tests done and obtain a patient-held yellow card that has been filled in by your GP to bring to the hospital.

You may need to continue seeing a Shared Care GP until your 1st Antenatal Booking appointment at the hospital.

At the 1st Booking appointment, you will be interviewed by a midwife who will collate your pathology and ultrasound results brought from the GP.

What will happen when I book in?

Your first visit at the hospital is very comprehensive and takes about 1-1½ hours to complete.

At the appointment you will see a midwife who will need to record a large amount of information and discuss a wide range of issues with you, including:

- When your baby is due
- Information that may affect your pregnancy (it is also an opportunity to ask questions)
- An assessment of your health and your baby’s health, past worries, experiences and current concerns.

If you are bringing your partner/husband, friends or relatives they will not be able to sit with you for some parts of the interview.

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please phone in time to allow us to reallocate the appointment.

Pregnancy care options...

For women giving birth at RPA, we offer the following pregnancy care options:

- GP Shared Care, where women with uncomplicated pregnancy share antenatal care between RPA and a local doctor recognised by the hospital
- Hospital Based Care means that your care is provided primarily by midwives at RPA, with more doctor visits organised if you need them
- Birth Centre provides care during pregnancy, labour and birth to women who would like a natural birth using non medical forms of pain relief. Information evenings are available and you must contact the Birth Centre directly on 95156405.

What happens next?

The midwife will talk to you about the different options of antenatal care that are available to you. These depend on your individual needs and may include: GP Shared Care, Midwives’ clinics, or Hospital doctors’ clinics.

A range of hospital services is available to all women, including parenting education, diagnostic services, genetic counselling, dietitians and social workers.

How do I get to RPA?

RPA is situated on Missenden Road, Camperdown.

Women are encouraged to use public transport as parking is very restricted.

RPA is a 10 minute walk from most bus stops and 20-30 minute walk from the major train stations, Newtown and Redfern.

Antenatal Clinic is located on Level 5 East Wing (ground floor).