

Contact us

If you need advice during your pregnancy, you can either ring the midwife who is providing midwifery care or you can ring labour ward at Base Hospital. If it is an emergency and you need an ambulance either ring your midwife or labour ward and they will organise it. You will not be charged for the ambulance if this happens.

Labour ward at Base Hospital:
Freephone 0800 1mybaby or 0800 169 2229

Or 753 6139 ext 7330 or ask the operator for the Labour ward

Antenatal Clinic Coordinator Midwife:
Phone 753 7888. Email: Antenatal.Clinic@tdhb.org.nz

Antenatal Clinic Ward Clerk:
Phone 06 753 6139 ext 8336 or 7139
(8am to 4.30pm - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Fax: 06 753 8687

Please note: If you live in South Taranaki and are having any issues do not turn up at Hawera Maternity Unit, all problems need to be assessed at Taranaki Base Maternity Unit.

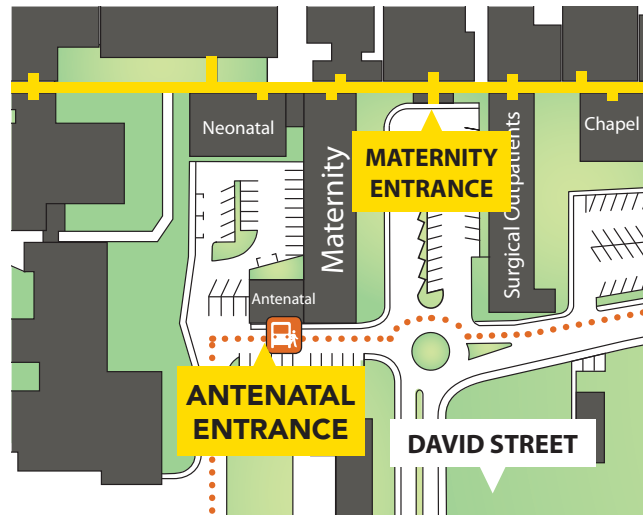
Useful websites

www.kiwifamilies.co.nz
www.tdhub.org.nz – Search Hapu Wananga
www.diabetes.org.nz
www.pregnancyhelp.org.nz
www.findyourmidwife.co.nz
www.plunket.org.nz
www.parentscentre.org.nz
www.breastfednz.co.nz (Free Breastfeeding App)
Financial assistance: www.workandincome.govt.nz
Twins or more: www.nzmba.info

Directions

The closest entrance to the Maternity Unit at Taranaki Base Hospital is on David Street. The Antenatal Clinic has its own entrance at the end of the Maternity Unit.

Map of Base Hospital Maternity Unit



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Welcome to the Secondary Care Antenatal Service



Our goal is to provide quality care for women and their families during their childbearing experience

Why have I been referred to the hospital for my antenatal care?

You may have a medical condition, such as diabetes or a high risk pregnancy such as twins which requires close monitoring by an obstetrician and transfer of clinical responsibility for care.

Often you will still have input from your own midwife, this will be discussed at the first appointment.

Referral to the hospital Antenatal Clinic means the specialist and clinic midwife can monitor your blood tests and ultrasound scans, and respond quickly if there are any complications.

Where will I go for my antenatal care?

If you live in the New Plymouth area all specialist antenatal care is undertaken at the Maternity Unit at Taranaki Base Hospital.

If you live in South Taranaki you will attend all your Antenatal appointments at Hawera.

Your labour and birth will be at Base Hospital, with either your own midwife or the Taranaki DHB midwife. (This will be discussed with you during your pregnancy.)

You will usually see the same specialist obstetrician for your care. However, when you come in for the birth of your baby you may be attended by another obstetrician.

Do I still see a midwife?

Yes you still need to see a midwife.

Either your own midwife will provide ongoing midwifery care or it will be provided by the DHB midwifery team. This decision will be made by a three-way conversation with you, the obstetrician and the midwife as to who is the right person to provide midwifery care.

These appointments will alternate between specialist appointments. Your LMC or specialist will discuss your thoughts and plans for pregnancy and support you to make informed decisions about your labour and birth.

How often do I see a midwife?

Midwife visits happen between visits to the obstetrician and aim to give you a normal focus on your pregnancy.

After the first appointment the following visits with either the Antenatal Clinic midwife or your LMC will enable you make decisions and preparations for labour, birth, feeding your baby and preparing for taking your baby home.

If the hospital team have been doing your antenatal care, once you have had your baby the midwife that originally referred you will continue your postnatal care. If you didn't have one, the antenatal clinic midwife will help you find a midwife in your area.

When you come in for labour or for monitoring outside of normal antenatal clinic hours you are cared for by a hospital midwife.

Our team in the Antenatal Service

- Midwives
- Obstetricians
- Referral to maternal fetal medicine specialist in Wellington
- Ultrasonographer
- Ward administrator

Other services available as referrals

- Lactation consultant
- Dietitian
- Social workers
- Physiotherapist
- Hapū Wānanga
- Diabetes educators
- Speech and language therapist
- Maternal mental health service
- Vaccination Drop in Clinic

Patient satisfaction

Patient satisfaction is important to us and we ask that you provide feedback about your stay in the Maternity Unit. 'How we are doing?' forms are kept in all areas, if you cannot see one please ask a member of staff.