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### Casey Hospital provides:

Primary level maternity care and if required *secondary level care in labour or at birth (Specialist obstetricians, anaesthetists and paediatricians will attend if required)*. You are suitable for primary level maternity care if at booking you do not have serious health problems or a history of significant pregnancy or birth problems.

If you are booked at Casey and complications develop during pregnancy your maternity booking will be transferred to another Southern Health hospital, either Dandenong Hospital or Monash Medical Centre Clayton, dependant upon the level of care required and bed availability.

### Dandenong Hospital provides:

Primary and secondary level maternity care. If you have a health problem or a history of complications with a previous pregnancy you may require secondary level care.

### Monash Medical Centre Clayton provides:

The only tertiary level service in Southern Health. While all levels of maternity care are provided, we **prioritise bookings and transfers** in pregnancy to women with a **tertiary** need.

**PRIMARY MATERNITY** services provide care for 'low risk' women experiencing uncomplicated pregnancy and birth.

**SECONDARY MATERNITY** services will meet the needs of women who have or may be expected to develop complications that require referral or transfer to specialist medical care

**TERTIARY MATERNITY** services provide multidisciplinary specialist care for women and babies with complex and/or rare maternal / fetal needs.

*Refer Victorian Government 2004, Future Directions for Victoria's Maternity Services, Department of Human Services.*

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# Maternity Care Options at Dandenong Hospital

Our Maternity Booking Service will offer you a booking-in visit at the most appropriate of our three maternity sites according to a risk assessment of health and maternity history and considering wherever possible your preferences.

All our hospitals and public clinics have a limit on the number of bookings they can accept each month so unfortunately we cannot always offer everyone their preferred pregnancy care.

Dandenong Hospital is one of three maternity sites within Southern Health. This leaflet outlines the options for pregnancy care when booking to birth at Dandenong. Note: There are currently very limited public pregnancy care clinics at Dandenong Hospital. If you prefer or require medical care in your pregnancy you should choose one of the options 1,2 or 3 (over page).

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- For hospital visits an interpreter is available if required

	<b>DANDENONG CARE OPTIONS</b>	<b>Who will I see in pregnancy?</b>	<b>Where will I have visits?</b>	<b>Care during &amp; after birth</b>	<b>With this option</b>
<b>SECONDARY MATERNITY</b>	<b>Non hospital</b> <b>1. Specialist Obstetrician</b> or <b>2. GP Obstetrician</b>	All pregnancy visits will be with your obstetrician or GP Obstetrician.  Women receiving medical pregnancy care will have two midwife visits, the initial to confirm hospital 'booking' and later in pregnancy ~ 34 weeks for planning around your baby's birth and postnatal needs.	In the doctors private rooms.  Initial midwife visit at <b>131 Cleeland St Dandenong.</b>  The second midwife visit at <b>Dandenong Hospital.</b>	You will give birth at Dandenong Hospital.  The maternity team provide birth & postnatal care.  You will be offered a midwife home visit following discharge.	You choose a doctor from the Southern Health accredited list. This model is suitable for women with some health and medical complications or at high risk of developing complications who are not suitable for care by midwives or share care GPs.  During your pregnancy you will have continuity of medical care. You should ask your doctor about costs for pregnancy care.
	<b>Hospital clinic</b> <b>3. Maternity Care A</b>	Your care will be with a small team of health professionals.  You will see a specialist obstetrician or training obstetrician at each visit.  As above two visits with a hospital midwife.	All visits will be with within the Community Maternity Centre, <b>131 Cleeland St. Dandenong.</b>  Midwife visits as in option 1&2 above.	As above	Suitable for women with health and medical complications or at high risk of developing complications. Low risk women will not be seen in this clinic. Hospital clinic visits are covered by Medicare.
<b>PRIMARY MATERNITY</b>	<b>Non hospital</b> <b>4. GP-Shared Care</b>	At least half your pregnancy visits will be with your own Shared Care GP.  Your GP will arrange several visits with a specialist obstetrician.  As above two visits with a hospital midwife.	Some in the GP's private rooms.  Some in the specialist obstetrician's private rooms.  Midwife visits as in option 1&2 above.	As above	Suitable for women whose doctor is recognised by Southern Health to provide Shared Maternity Care.  You should ask your doctor about costs for pregnancy care.
	<b>GP &amp; hospital clinic</b> <b>5. GP-Shared Care</b>	At least half your pregnancy visits will be with your own GP. Your other visits will either be with:  i. <b>Non English speaking clinic</b> Dandenong Hospital.  ii. <b>Springvale GP Shared Care clinic</b> at GDCHS	Some in the GP's private rooms.  Some in the hospital clinic:  i. <b>131 Cleeland St Dandenong and Dandenong Hospital Outpatients</b>  ii. <b>55 Buckingham Avenue, Springvale</b>	As above	Suitable for women whose doctor is recognised by Southern Health to provide Shared Maternity Care. Costs may be incurred for GP visits.  Hospital clinic visits are covered by Medicare.
	<b>Hospital clinic</b> <b>6. Next Birth After Caesarean (NBAC) Clinic</b>	Your care will be with a small team of health professionals (Hospital midwives and obstetricians) working in the NBAC clinic.	All your pregnancy visits will be in the NBAC clinic based at Casey Hospital Outpatients	As above	Suitable for women with one previous Caesarean Section. Hospital clinic visits are covered by Medicare.
	<b>Hospital clinic</b> <b>7. Young Women's Clinic (YWC)</b>	Your care will be with a team of health professionals.  You will have an obstetric screening visit early in pregnancy. Unless your health condition changes all ongoing pregnancy visits will be with the YWC midwives.	All your pregnancy visits will be in the YW clinic at <b>131 Cleeland St. Dandenong</b>	As above  YWC midwives will visit you at home after discharge.	Suitable for young women aged 19 and under. You have continuity with a small team of midwives during pregnancy visits and childbirth education.  Hospital clinic visits are covered by Medicare.
	<b>Hospital clinic</b> <b>8. Midwife primary care</b>	Your care will be with a team of health professionals.  You will have an obstetric screening visit early in pregnancy. Unless your health condition changes all ongoing pregnancy care will be with the MIP (Midwives in partnership) team.	All your pregnancy visits will be with the hospital MIP clinic at <b>131 Cleeland St. Dandenong.</b>	MiP team midwives will care for you during your labour, birth and the hours after birth. They also visit you at home after discharge.	Suitable for well women seeking normal childbirth and continuity of care throughout by the team midwives.  Evening clinic visits available. Family stay suites available for women returning home within 24 hours. Hospital clinic visits are covered by Medicare.
	<b>Hospital clinic</b> <b>9. Midwife care Springvale</b>	Your care will be with a team of health professionals.  You will have an obstetric screening visit early in pregnancy. Unless your health condition changes all ongoing pregnancy care will be with the Springvale midwives.	All pregnancy visits will be at the Greater Dandenong Community Health Centre (GDCHC) at <b>55 Buckingham Avenue Springvale.</b>	As above  Springvale midwives visit you at home after discharge.	Community based hospital clinic for healthy women living in the local suburbs.  Interpreter services if required limited to: Vietnamese, Cambodian (Khmer) and Burmese. Hospital clinic visits are covered by Medicare.