

Pregnancy care options	Who will I see during pregnancy?	Where will I have my pregnancy care visits?	Care during birth & after	With this option
1. Specialist Obstetrician Non hospital	All pregnancy visits will be with your obstetrician. All women receiving medical pregnancy care will have two midwife visits, the initial to confirm hospital 'booking' and later in pregnancy ~ 32 to 34 weeks for planning around your baby's birth and postnatal needs.	In the specialist obstetrician private rooms. Midwife visits will be within the public Maternity Unit at Casey Hospital.	You will give birth at Casey with the Maternity team. The maternity team provide birth & postnatal ward care. You will be offered a midwife home visit following discharge.	You chose an obstetrician. During your pregnancy you will have continuity of medical care. Few doctors bulk bill therefore you need to be aware costs may be incurred.
2. GP Obstetrician Non hospital	All pregnancy visits will be with your GP obstetrician. As above 2 visits with a hospital midwife.	In the GP-obstetrician private rooms. Midwife visits will be within the public Maternity Unit at Casey Hospital.	As above	You chose your GP obstetrician. GP obstetricians are accredited by Southern Health to provide maternity care for healthy women. Few doctors bulk bill therefore you need to be aware costs may be incurred.
3. GP - Shared Care With hospital	Your care will be with team of health professionals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least ½ your pregnancy visits will be with your own Shared Care GP. Casey Hospital specialist obstetrician reviews will be at around 15, 28, 36 and 41 weeks of pregnancy. Casey Hospital midwife visits at booking & 34 weeks of pregnancy. 	In the GP's private rooms. The specialist obstetrician and midwife visits will be within the public Maternity Unit at Casey Hospital.	As above	This may suit you if your GP is recognised by Southern Health to provide Shared Maternity Care. Few doctors bulk bill therefore you need to be aware costs may be incurred.
4. Midwife Primary Care	Your care will be with team of health professionals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will have an obstetric screening visit early in pregnancy. Unless your health condition changes all ongoing pregnancy care will be with the Casey Midwives Clinic. 	All your pregnancy visits (midwifery and obstetric) will be in the public clinic within the Maternity Unit at Casey Hospital.	As above	You will be cared for throughout by midwives who are committed to supporting you in having a normal birth. You will not receive a bill for hospital clinic care if you are Medicare eligible.
5. Midwifery Caseload (includes a homebirth option)	Your care will be with a team of health professionals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will have an obstetric screening visit early in pregnancy. If you are considering a home birth you will have another obstetric visit at about 34 weeks. Unless your health condition changes all ongoing pregnancy care will be with a Casey Hospital caseload midwife. One caseload midwife will principally care for you throughout your pregnancy and be on call for birth and postnatal home visits after discharge. You may meet other caseload midwives during your pregnancy to back up your primary midwife if on rare occasion she is unavailable. 	All your pregnancy visits (midwifery and obstetric) will be in the public clinic within the Maternity Unit at Casey Hospital. If you are planning for a home birth your caseload midwife will visit you at home for at least one visit later in pregnancy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are booked for a home birth you will birth at home with your caseload midwives. Otherwise you will give birth at Casey Hospital supported by your caseload midwife or a back up caseload midwife. You will be offered a midwife home visit following discharge with your caseload midwife or her back up midwife. 	The caseload option may suit you if it is important for you to have continuity of midwifery carer throughout your pregnancy, birth, initial postnatal period and at home You may arrange your pregnancy appointments at times to suit yourself and your caseload midwife. You will not receive a bill for hospital clinic care if you are Medicare eligible.

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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 problems 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 which 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 (DHS)

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Maternity Care Options at Casey 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 option.

Casey Hospital is one of three maternity sites within Southern Health This leaflet outlines the options for pregnancy care when booking to birth at Casey. Note: There are currently no public obstetric pregnancy care clinics at Casey Hospital. If you prefer or require medical care in your pregnancy you should choose one of the options 1-3 (over page).

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