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The Victorian Maternity Record (VMR) at Mercy Hospital for Women

What is the VMR?

The Victorian Maternity Record (VMR) is a standard hand held pregnancy record that is being adopted across Victoria. Pregnant women are encouraged to bring the record (it fits into an A5 plastic pocket) to all GP and hospital appointments. The VMR will:

- encourage consistency of information
- enhance communication between service providers
- promote women's involvement in decisions around their care

What does the VMR cost?

The VMR is free to women, GPs and hospitals.

Where do women get the VMR?

Ideally women should receive the VMR early in their pregnancy, so GPs are invited to provide a VMR to women at the first visit after the pregnancy is confirmed. If this does not occur, women will receive it from Mercy Hospital for Women when they attend their first hospital visit. The VMR replaces Mercy Hospital for Women's standard purple shared care record.

Where do GPs get the VMR?

GPs and practices can order the VMR, free, on line at:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/maternitycare/vmr_orderform.htm

What is asked of GPs?

GPs are requested to:

- familiarize themselves with the VMR, via the web at http://www.health.vic.gov.au/maternitycare/downloads/vic_maternity_record_form.pdf
- encourage women to carry the VMR to **all** medical appointments and other hospital visits
- add any relevant history to pages 2 & 3
- attach or record on page 4 results of relevant tests and investigations
- complete progress notes at each consultation (from page 5 onwards) as per previous hand held records
- GPs with clinical systems capable of producing antenatal records may choose to include signed copies in the VMR.

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