

Hours of operation

Monday to Friday 7.00am– 3.30pm

First appointment 7:00am

Last appointment 2.30pm

Location

DAU is inside the Women's Assessment Unit (WAU) at Level 9, Auckland Hospital.

It is staffed by senior midwives working in liaison with the On call Consultant for WAU.

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Day Assessment Unit: Practitioner Information

Day Assessment Unit (DAU)

DAU is a specialized unit within the Women's Assessment Unit (WAU). The unit that facilitates Outpatient management of high risk wahine who require planned regular interim care.

- DAU is for wahine who require increased maternal or fetal surveillance or treatment that can be facilitated as an out-patient, outside the usual capacity of team clinics or private obstetric clinics.
- DAU is a midwifery led service working in close collaboration with the relevant obstetric team or private obstetrician.
- All wahine have an individualised plan written by a consultant in the community clinics, high risk services or by the LMC obstetrician prior to referral to the unit outlining the care required.

The exception to this rule is the woman with a breech presentation requiring an ECV when LMC midwives may refer directly to the unit.

Referrals are received from

- Clinics
- A/N wards
- WAU
- Private obstetricians
- LMC after there has been an initial secondary consultation

Clinical Indications for Referral

- GPH Reassessment/follow-up
- Small for gestational
- Inter-uterine growth restriction
- Breech assessment
- Referrals for ECV's (must meet criteria)
- CTG monitoring of IUGR, twins, Oligo/Polyhydramnios
- Reduced fetal movements (Increased surveillance)
- Postdates CTG and liquor volume, interim care for postdates after induction confirmation
- Prolonged premature rupture of membranes
- Cholestasis surveillance after initial formal review
- Iron Infusion (all referrals from clinic only)
- SGA pathway referrals from clinic
- Postdates via Virtual consult system
- Diabetes as an indication for increased surveillance with clear plan of follow
- Increased monitoring for previous still births

Plan of interim care must be documented on Healthware.

Obstetric referral

1. All woman requiring an obstetric review for one of the above must have a comprehensive referral sent by the LMC to the community clinic at Greenlane (09 630 9781). Please ensure wahine details, LMC and contact persons details are included and correct.
2. Following this visit, the obstetrician will write the management plan prior to making the appointment with DAU. The risk sheet will be updated on Healthware
3. The referring LMC will be contacted by phone or by letter
4. The electronic or written referral from clinic will be faxed or emailed to DAU with a follow-up phone call to make the initial appointment time.

Gynaecological Referral

1. Ensure the woman meets DAU criteria
2. Complete the referral form for the woman including a future management plan
3. Fax the form to DAU on 6309814 or x25908
4. This must be done prior to the initial appointment
5. Phone DAU to make the initial appointment. Out of hours phone will divert to WAU ward clerk.
6. Give the woman DAU information leaflet
7. In emergency only situations a phone consultation may be made to the team of the day and accepted for DAU.