Obstetrics in Theatre

During COVID-19 pandemic

Patients:

Obstetric patients without a COVID-19 test are managed in theatre as COVID-Low Risk (COVID-LR), unless they have positive Screening Questionnaire (then managed as SCOVID).

In the event that a patient develops a fever (eg labour-related), the treating obstetric team must determine whether the patient is being managed as COVID-LR or SCOVID.



Partner / Support person:

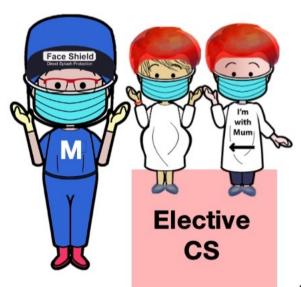
The partner / support person for all patients, including those with known or suspected COVID-19, are invited to be present in theatre except where a general anaesthetic is planned.

The partner / support person must be asymptomatic and cooperate with infection control procedures at all times.

Partner / Support person must wear:

- A surgical mask
- A gown, overshoes, and hat

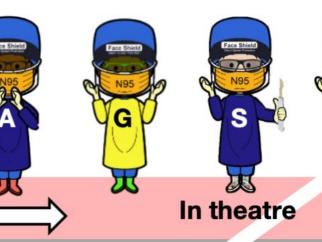
Theatre precautions for all Obstetric cases:



Staff for Obstetric Cases:

- All theatre staff should be wearing Tier 3 PPE (airborne/droplet) with N95 mask in theatre
- No change to PPE if a general anaesthetic is required.







Partner / Support person present

Midwife dons Tier 3

Spinal Surgery starts **IDC**

Partner leaves PACU staff: Surgery concludes

Tier 2 appropriate



Leave

ward

Theatre for Obstetric Cases:

- No room rest time applies unless a GA is performed note, this does not preclude the operation commencing if all staff in Tier 3 PPE.
- No theatre stripping before / after, unless planned elective GA in SCOVID or COVID-POS patient.
- Obstetric time out must state the COVID pathway (e.g COVID-LR) to inform neonatal care
- Recover in theatre for all SCOVID and COVID-POS cases