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**OBSTETRIC INFORMATION – SHARED CARE**

Please read the below information carefully.

**This document must be signed and returned to our office before 10 weeks gestation.  
[reception@drgarethweston.com.au](mailto:reception@drgarethweston.com.au)**

- **Should you fail to sign and return this document, before 10 weeks gestation, you will be charged as a review patient with a standard consultation fee of \$180 until the form is returned. You will also receive the standard Shared Care fees as above. No Discount will apply.**

You are entering into a shared maternity care arrangement with Dr Weston.

Dr Weston is accredited for Shared Care at;

- Monash Health
- Royal Melbourne Women's
- Werribee Mercy
- Joan Kirner Women's & Children's Hospital
- Bacchus Marsh Hospital

Please note; It is your responsibility to organise your booking and GP referral to your chosen Shared Care Hospital directly. We will provide results and documents to the Hospital once you are booked in.

**What does this mean?**

- Most of your appointment will be with me in my Private Practice throughout your pregnancy and a small amount will be with the Obstetricians/Midwives at the hospital.
- At the time of delivery you will be admitted into a Public Hospital under the care of the doctors and Midwives working at the time of your admission.
- I will not attend the birth of your baby.
- I will look after you for your Postnatal visits 6 weeks post delivery.

***important note;***

If, at any time throughout your pregnancy you require hospital admission, your care will be under the guidance of the hospital you are booked into for delivery.

The midwives at the hospital are available 24 hours a day for any pressing concerns. **If you feel the matter is an emergency and may require hospitalisation please present to the Emergency Department of the Hospital that you are booked into.**

**Benefits of Shared Care;**

- Some women like shared care because it means they can receive most of their maternity care from an Obstetrician whom they are familiar with, or who works close to their home or workplace, and appointments can be more available to their needs.
- All tests and results can be ordered and followed up promptly by your Obstetrician
- This means consistency in your care.
- It also means that the same Obstetrician who has cared for you during the pregnancy can continue to care for you and your baby in the weeks after birth. *Your Obstetrician will not be at your delivery, this part of your care is provided by the hospital*
- I am always available for any questions you may have. Please call my Secretaries during office hours. ***In emergency situations I can be paged on 9387 1000.***

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## **INFORMED FINANCIAL CONSENT & COSTS**

Shared Care and Planning and Management of Pregnancy with Dr Weston \$2700.00

- Item No 16500: \$1500.00 (Paid at 16 weeks)
- Item No 16591: \$1200 (Paid at 28 weeks) Approximate Medicare Rebate: \$170.95 (Combined total)

### **Appointments:**

Keep in mind that you will also be seeing the doctors and Midwives for appointments at the hospital during certain stages of your pregnancy. These dates will be given to you by the hospital staff.

**Please book your appointments in advance with my staff or online using HotDoc.**

*If you elect to transfer your care away from the care of Dr Weston at any stage prior to your due date you will be liable for a pro-rata fee (50% of the entire fees payable) and this may impact your Medicare rebate. Please speak to the Secretaries in regards to this.*

The accounts for all other antenatal visits and postnatal visits up to 8 weeks should be fully covered by Medicare

I look forward to helping you throughout your pregnancy journey

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**By signing this document I agree to the following;**

**DECLARATION BY PATIENT:**

- I understand that I have been provided with a break down of the appointment schedule required with Dr Weston during my pregnancy and that my care will also be divided between the Hospital I have chosen to book into.
- If I elect to transfer my care away from the care of Dr Weston at any stage prior to my due date then I will be liable for a pro-rata fee of \$1200 and this may impact my Medicare rebate.
- I understand that Dr Weston will not be available to deliver my baby at the time of birth.
- I understand that there are fees involved with my shared Care arrangement and that full payment of fees is required no later than 30 weeks gestation.
- I understand that any documentation including ; letters to employees will need at **least 30 days** grace period for Dr Weston's office to arrange and provide me for my pregnancy and I will arrange a suitable amount of time for these documents to be arranged.
- Failure to pay for my accounts will result in any unpaid accounts being sent to a Debt Collector for recovery

**Ms Tylah Van Roy  
05/02/98  
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WARRAGUL 3820**

**Signed:..... Date:.....**