
MEMORANDUM

To: Directors of Obstetric Services
Directors of Maternity Services
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Queensland Maternity and Neonatal Clinical Network
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Subject: *Queensland Clinical Guidelines Intrapartum fetal surveillance interim advice*

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Queensland Clinical Guidelines (QCG) wishes to advise that the [Intrapartum fetal surveillance \(IFS\)](#) clinical guideline is currently under review.

The QCG IFS guideline was updated to align with the 2025 Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) recommendations in November 2025. Subsequently, concerns have been raised by Queensland clinicians about the recommendation for continuous electronic fetal monitoring (CEFM) in active labour for prolonged pregnancy more than 41 weeks gestational age. Specifically, the impact on low-risk models of care and the strength of the evidence supporting this recommendation.

QCG is awaiting a response from RANZCOG on the:

- Definition of prolonged pregnancy as a risk factor for CEFM in active labour (i.e. greater than 41+0 or greater than 41+6 weeks gestational age)
- Strength of evidence for benefit of CEFM in active labour between 37+0 to less than 42+0 weeks gestational age

In the interim clinicians are advised to interpret “more than 41 weeks” gestational age as meaning “more than 41+6 weeks” gestational age. This is consistent with the previous version of the QCG guideline. Further advice will be provided as soon it is available.

Clinicians are encouraged to participate and provide feedback on these guidelines. Queensland Clinical Guidelines can be contacted at Guidelines@health.qld.gov.au.



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