



High Risk Maternity Services at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

We have a range of services at the Women's Centre for the assessment, treatment and follow up of potentially high risk pregnancies.

The Silver Star Unit and the Fetal Medicine Unit administratively make up the Feto-Maternal Medicine Unit (FMMU). We share the space and some staff, but we run our services and clinics separately.

1. The Silver Star Unit

Consultants: *Catherine Greenwood, Deborah Harrington and Lucy Mackillop*

Pregnancy care:

The Silver Star Unit looks after women with maternal medical conditions, either incidental to the pregnancy and often pre-existing, e.g. hypertension or epilepsy; or as a result of the pregnancy, e.g. pre-eclampsia. We also look after women at risk of recurrent early onset pre-eclampsia.

Referrals can be made by letter or fax. Please note that we are oversubscribed and that not all women referred meet our criteria. Therefore we may refer some patients on for consultant care.

Pre-pregnancy counselling:

All consultants provide this service. This service provides advice on optimal planning of pregnancy for women with pre-existing medical conditions, those on long term medication, and for women with previous poor pregnancy outcome.

Early pregnancy care:

The early pregnancy clinic takes referrals for women who have had 3 or more miscarriages. Women may self refer if they have been seen and investigated in a recurrent miscarriage clinic. Women will be seen after 6 weeks of pregnancy.

Joint Obstetric Medicine/Cardiology Clinic

This monthly clinic provides specialist care in conjunction with Oliver Ormerod (Consultant Cardiologist) for women with significant cardiac disease. Women with suspected or mild cardiac disease (e.g. history of ASD or mitral valve prolapse), may be referred to the rapid access maternal medical clinic for an initial assessment prior to placement in this clinic if required.

Rapid Access Maternal Medicine Clinic

This clinic provides urgent medical review for women with new or worsening medical symptoms. This clinic aims to see all referred women within 2 weeks. Please fax or telephone the silver star office.

2. The Diabetes Clinic

Consultants: *Anita Makins (obstetrician) and Jonathan Levy (diabetologist)*

This combined clinic provides specialist care for all diabetic women (type 1, type 2, previous gestational diabetes and newly diagnosed gestational diabetes). Please send referrals to Silver Star, to the attention of Katy Bartlett (direct line : 01865 851039).

3. The Fetal Medicine Unit

Consultants: *Lawrence Impey, Rebecca Black, Catherine Greenwood, Deborah Harrington, Nicky Manning*

The Fetal Medicine Unit looks after women whose babies are at high risk of, or have, serious problems. These include complicated twin and higher order multiple pregnancies, those with fetal structural abnormalities and women at high risk of premature birth.

Pregnancy care:

GP referrals can be made by letter, telephone or fax to the Unit. Please note that many of our patients are tertiary referrals and most patients are referred from other hospitals or internally. If referred patients do not meet our criteria, we may refer some patients on for normal consultant care.

Pre-pregnancy counselling:

All consultants provide this service. We provide this service specifically for women with previous severe preterm delivery.

Preterm Labour Clinic

This clinic manages women at risk of preterm labour – usually due to previous late miscarriage or preterm birth or previous cervical surgery.

Joint Fetal Medicine/Paediatric Surgery

This monthly clinic aims to see all those babies in whom postnatal surgery is anticipated. Plans for delivery are made jointly by the obstetrician, paediatrician and paediatric surgeon.

4. Oxford Prenatal Diagnosis Unit

Obstetric consultants: *Paul Chamberlain, Pauline Hurley, Lawrence Impey, Catherine Greenwood, Rebecca Black and Deborah Harrington.*

Clinical Geneticist: *Jane Hurst*

Fetal Cardiology consultants: *Nicky Manning and Nick Archer*

This unit offers specialist scanning and a full range of invasive procedures backed up by a genetic counselling service. Referral may be made for any previous chromosomal, genetic or structural abnormality, a family history of genetic disease or a family history of first degree relative of the fetus with a congenital heart problem. Scanning and counselling is also available for women taking medications in pregnancy that are either known teratogens, or literature is sparse.

Ongoing pregnancies (after 20 weeks) with serious fetal abnormalities or problems are referred on to in the Fetal Medicine Unit.

Fetal Cardiology

Appointments are made through the Prenatal Diagnosis department for any pregnancies considered to be at an increased risk for a fetal cardiac problem, both structural and functional

Pre-pregnancy counselling:

Women with a previous chromosomal, genetic or structural abnormality, a family history of genetic disease can be referred to the prenatal diagnosis Unit.

5. Oxford Rhesus Therapy Unit

Consultant: *Pauline Hurley*

Pauline Hurley accepts referrals for all those pregnancies affected with anti-D and other antibodies. She can be contacted through Linda Fletcher on 01865 222969.

Contact us:

Silver Star and Fetal Medicine Units:

Level 6, Women's Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Oxford, OX3 9DU
Tel: 01865 221710 (Monday-Friday 08.30-17.30). Fax: 01865 228998

Prenatal Diagnosis Unit:

Level 2, Women's Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Oxford, OX3 9DU
Tel: 01865 221716. Fax: 01865 221164

Dept Clinical Genetics

Churchill Hospital, Old Road, Oxford, OX3 7LJ
Tel: 01865 226066/226020. Fax 01865 226011

Obstetric secretary (all consultants): Linda Fletcher

Level 4, Women's Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Oxford, OX3 9DU
Tel 01865 222969. Fax: 01865 221164

Please note that contacting an individual consultant by letter or phone will result in the appropriate allocation being made.

Members of Staff

Silver Star Unit

Miss Catherine Greenwood	Consultant in Obstetrics and Fetomaternal Medicine
Miss Deborah Harrington	Consultant in Obstetrics and Fetomaternal Medicine
Dr Lucy Mackillop	Locum Consultant in Maternal Medicine
Miss Anita Makins	Obstetric Consultant specialising in Diabetes

Fetal Medicine Unit

Mr Lawrence Impey	Consultant in Obstetrics and Fetal Medicine
Mrs Rebecca Black	Consultant in Obstetrics and Fetal Medicine
Dr Nicky Manning	Associate Specialist in Fetal Cardiology

All doctors are available via e-mail – firstname.surname@orh.nhs.uk

Midwives

Alison Wright
Carolyn Gleeson
Katy Bartlett
Jane Hamilton
Vicky Warr
Lisa Buck
Hannah Dominey

Support Staff

June Jennings
Debbie Sunderland
Maggie Findlay
Ann Day
Pat Peters
Kathleen McCarthy
Linda Fletcher
Bronwen Meredith
Linda Smith

Oxford Prenatal Diagnosis Unit

Mr Paul Chamberlain	Consultant Obstetrician
Dr Jane Hurst	Consultant Geneticist
Midwives	Helen Gregory, Kay Randall, Jackie Lovstrom

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