

**WOMEN'S HEALTH
MATERNITY UNIT**

**INDICATIONS FOR ANTENATAL REFERRAL FOR
ANAESTHETIC ASSESSMENT**

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Women should be referred for antenatal assessment by an anaesthetist if they are likely to pose anaesthetic problems.

For example:

- Past serious anaesthetic problem or drug allergy
- Neurological disease
- Musculoskeletal disease affecting the spine or airway
- Cardiac disease (a cardiological diagnosis should have been made before referral)

Send a letter of referral to the Anaesthetic Department secretary who will arrange an appointment for the patient to be seen by a consultant anaesthetist on the labour ward. If you are not sure whether a referral is necessary contact the duty anaesthetist on the labour ward.

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Re: Ante Natal Anaesthetic Referral

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Reason for Referral

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Many Thanks