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## Criteria For Providing The 'Fast Track To Birthing Suite' Cards Policy

Hutt Maternity Policies provide guidance for the midwives and medical staff working in Hutt Maternity Services. Please discuss policies relevant to your care with your Lead Maternity Carer.

### **Please only provide fast track cards to:**

1. Women with past history of 3 recurrent first trimester miscarriages
2. Women with one or more pregnancy loss at or more than 15 weeks
3. Women carrying foetus with known congenital abnormality in current pregnancy.

### **Informed Consent**

The right of a consumer to make an informed choice and give informed consent, including the right to refuse medical treatment, is enshrined in law and in the Code of Health and Disability Consumers' Rights in New Zealand. This means that a woman can choose to decline treatment, referral to another practitioner, or transfer of clinical responsibility. If this occurs follow the process map on page 18 of the Referral Guidelines (Ministry of Health, 2012).