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## **A “SHARING SHARED CARE” DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

**“Sharing Share Care” is a two year collaborative project between Mercy Hospital for Women, Royal Women’s Hospital, Sunshine Hospital and five metropolitan divisions of general practice.**

**It has been funded by the Department of Human Services Maternity Services Program to address weaknesses in the current provision of shared maternity care in Victoria.**

**These weaknesses were identified in the “1999 Review of Shared Obstetric Care in Victoria”.**

**The project has three main aims:**

- 1. To produce written guidelines to assist GPs in the provision of shared care.**
- 2. To produce written/taped information on shared care for women of Non English Speaking Background in collaboration with community groups. Initially four languages will be chosen**
- 3. To improve communication systems between hospitals and community providers for shared care patients and to assess the impact of such changes by case history audit. The case history audit tool will also be used to improve hospital data collection on shared care.**

**The strength of the project is the collaborative approach to the production of materials, which will then be made widely available to improve the provision of shared maternity care in Victoria in a financially efficient manner.**

**The project was completed in June 2002. For further information on this project , please contact:**

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