

# Maternity Questions

In addition to the main Victorian Patient Satisfaction Survey the following questions are for maternity patients. If you had a baby during your recent hospital stay, please answer the following questions and return this page with the main survey.

Your answers will assist maternity services to better understand patient issues.

(Please mark only one box for each question)

**1** Did you know any of the midwives who cared for you in labour and birth, before you had your baby?

- Yes, very well
- Yes, but not very well
- No, didn't know them

**2** Do you think that you were given an active say in making decisions about what happened during your labour and/or birth?

- Yes, in all cases
- Yes, in most cases
- At some times, but not others
- Rarely
- Not at all
- Not sure

**3** Were you given any information about feeding your baby that you thought was contradictory or confusing?

- Yes, often
- Yes, sometimes
- No

**4** Was the help or advice you were given with feeding your baby

- Extremely helpful
- Very helpful
- Some help
- Very little help
- Not at all helpful
- Not given any advice

**5** During your stay in hospital after the birth, were you cared for by a midwife/midwives you had met while you were pregnant?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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During your stay in hospital after the birth were you cared for by a midwife/midwives you had met while you were in labour?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

7 [This question is only for those people who might have some problems with speaking or understanding the English language]

When you were with doctors or midwives, how often was there a person with you who could speak your language and interpret for you?

(a) during your pregnancy?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- Not applicable - I didn't need an interpreter*

(b) during birth and labour?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- Not applicable - I didn't need an interpreter*

(c) in hospital (after the birth of your baby)

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- Not applicable - I didn't need an interpreter*

8 If you received a visit from a midwife associated with the hospital after returning home, was this a midwife you had previously met?

(a) during your pregnancy?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

(b) during birth and labour?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

(c) in hospital (after the birth of your baby)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

**Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.**

All questions apart from questions 6 & 8 have been sourced from the Victorian Survey of Recent Mothers, (2000), Brown, S, Darcy, M and Bruinsma, Centre for the Study of Mothers, and Children's Health, La Trobe University.