

Flowchart for admission for patients with diabetes prior to elective LUSCS

Women with pre-existing diabetes (type 1 and type 2 diabetes) and women who develop GDM may be treated with insulin during their pregnancies. Some of these women may need to be admitted the night before their LUSCS because of their insulin therapy. This flow chart is to guide staff in how to admit and manage these women in the pre-operative stage of their birth.

Commencing a VRIII at an appropriate time for these women is imperative not only for maintaining the mother's blood sugar in a safe range but preventing neonatal hypoglycaemia and thus avoiding admission to the neonatal unit.

Please read Management of Diabetes and Delivery Guideline on intrapartum and postnatal management and instruction on how to make up the VRIII (Section 1).

