

MEMO

To: Obstetrical care providers referring patients to the BCW MFM/EMMA clinic
From: Chantal Mayer, Medical lead BCW Ultrasound; Ken Lim, MFM Division Head
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Re: **COVID-19 update: Referrals to BCW MFM EMMA clinic**

- The EMMA clinic was updated in 2015 and MFM is working towards the next update. An audit of the clinic is currently underway and analysis is approaching completion.
- Given the need to minimize patient and care provider exposure to COVID-19, decision was made to precipitate some changes to the clinic structure:
- What is unchanged:
 - EMMA referral forms continue to be submitted to MFM clinic with filled “risk assessment” and supporting documents.
- What is changed:
 - Referrals are triaged by MFM as “BCW EMMA ultrasound-based consult only” or “BCW ultrasound + MFM clinic visit”.
 - “BCW EMMA ultrasound-based consult” means that:
 - Patient will have detail ultrasound, biometry and placental assessment performed as previously.
 - MFM recommendations will be embedded within the ultrasound report in the context of risk assessment, other submitted documents and ultrasound findings
 - Patient will not have a consultation with MFM, unless urgent findings are identified at the time of ultrasound. In such cases, care providers would also be contacted, as per usual standards.
 - Care providers will be responsible for relaying results of the ultrasound and discussing recommendations for follow up and further imaging with their patients.
 - Where possible, EMMA ultrasound will be booked slightly earlier than usual, at 20-21+6 weeks to include the routine details scan. Please cancel other booked routine detail ultrasound in order to reduce number of visits and patient exposure.
 - As EMMA ultrasound-based consults are currently only available in MFM centres, patients eligible for “detail/EMMA ultrasound” will be assigned priority over “low risk detail ultrasound” for booking their detail scan at BC Women’s hospital.
- What happens after COVID-19?
 - The results of the clinic audit will be disseminated once available. The EMMA clinic will be remodelled accordingly.