

Prenatal Care Pathway- Population and Public Health

Site Applicability

All Public Health sites in VCH

Practice Level

For the following professions (within their respective scope of practice) with additional education:

- NP, RN

Policy Statement

VCH public health nurses will use the Perinatal Services BC (PSBC) Population and Public Health Prenatal Care Pathway (see guideline link below) when providing public health services to prenatal clients.

Need to Know

Public health nursing assessment and intervention services for prenatal clients are delivered in the context of the delivery of services to the larger population of women, children and families. Public Health Nurses use assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation in provision of service to individuals, communities and systems to benefit the health and wellness of the population as a whole.

Practice Guideline

The [Population and Public Health Prenatal Care Pathway](#) identifies key aspects of prenatal support that can be provided to promote the health of pregnant women and their families.

The assessment criteria within the Pathway are based on the provincial public health priority areas for the prenatal period, and have been organized into the following nine sections:

- Health Care/Physical Well-being
- Nutrition
- Psychosocial Health
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Healthy Relationships
- Resources
- Injury Prevention
- Preparation for Birth
- Preparation for Parenthood

Documentation

As per the [PARIS Prenatal Assessment Guideline](#)

Related Documents

[VCH Prenatal Services – Public Health Nursing](#)

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