

EMBRACE PROGRAM

Pregnancy & Postpartum Care

Designed by

Pelvic Health Physiotherapists Women's Health Naturopaths Clinical Pilates Team





It's a different experience. You deserve the best care.

We see you. We hear you.





Embrace Program

Perinatal Care Protocol

by Women's Health Physiotherapists

Between 12-20 weeks	SET THE SCENE Get to know you Obstetric history Medical history Exercise plans Education What's the role of Pelvic Floor in pregnancy and birth? What happens during birth? What are common symptoms of pelvic floor dysfunctions?
Between 20-25 weeks	Pelvic Floor Examination Internal digital assessment/ Transperineal Ultrasound Assess pelvic floor activation, strength, tone, endurance, coordination. Identify pre-existing prolapse and advise accordingly Identify pre-existing pelvic pain and or incontinence and advise accordingly. Musculoskeletal Manage any pelvic girdle pain, sacroiliac and pubic symphysis pain Manage all other musculoskeletal symptoms that might be aggravated due to maternal weight gain and change in gravity
Between 25-34 weeks	Well-being • Standardised Antenatal questionnaires and screening • Pregnancy massage Musculoskeletal • Manage pelvic girdle, sacroiliac, pubic symphysis pain • Promote physical activity as much as appropriate Great time for general strengthening, resistance exercises, balance, pelvic floor muscle training.



34 weeks and Beyond	BIRTH PREPARATION Perineal Massage • Specific techniques tailored to your pelvic floor anatomy • Update pelvic floor muscle training for the last 2 months Birth Preparation • TENS machine hire • Education on positioning • Prevention of perineal tears • What to do 0-6 weeks, when to seek help
Between 36-40 weeks	 SUPPORT AS NEEDED Manage pelvic girdle pain Pregnancy Massage for well being
Exercise and Movement	BE ACTIVE THROUGHOUT PREGNANCY Attend Prenatal Small Group Studio Class in Newtown/ Leichhardt or 1:6 Clinical Reformer (Pre and Post Natal) in Leichhardt





Postpartum Care Protocol

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2-3 Weeks	Phone consultation • 20 mins telehealth check in • Screening for pelvic floor dysfunctions, well being flags • Chat about birth and labour • How are YOU doing?
At 6 Weeks	6 WEEKS PELVIC FLOOR AND ABDOMINAL ULTRASOUND ASSESSMENT Internal Digital Vaginal Examination • Assess tissue health, pelvic floor strength, tone, sensation, prolapse, measure GH+PB, need for pessary, etc • Identify avulsion tear • Identify prolapse and pessary prescription if deemed suitable Trans-abdominal Ultrasound • Measurement of Abdominal Separation • Early stage Exercise prescription Return to exercise guidelines
6 Weeks and Beyond	Pelvic Floor Muscle Training
Exercise and Movement	For those with pain and Diastasis, attend weekly 1:3 Clinical Studio. Otherwise, attend 1:6 Postnatal Clinical Reformer class Recommended up to 6 months.



Hormonal and Nutritional Support

by Women's Health Naturopaths

14 weeks	SET THE SCENE + ASSESSMENT A Nutrient & Heavy Metal hair test is highly recommended to assess and improve your metabolic capability. A referral can be provided. Getting to know you - Personal Medical History, Family History, Diet and Lifestyle Patterns, Iris Analysis.
29 weeks	Monitor symptom changes and response to treatment from previous trimester. Address new symptoms e.g. constipation, reflux, thrush, blood sugar fluctuations. Adjust treatment plan and prescription of herbal/nutritional supplementation.
34 weeks	BIRTH PREPARATION WITH HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS Monitor symptom changes and response to treatment from previous trimester. Address new symptoms e.g. insomnia and nocturia, swelling of the ankles, face, and hands. Adjust treatment plan and prescription.
4-6 weeks Postpartum	NUTRITIONAL RESTORATION + MILK SUPPLY Addressing potential postpartum depression and exhaustion. Boost breast milk production and reduce mastitis.





Interesting in engaging us as your care provider for your pregnancy and postpartum journey?

Chat with us on (02) 90305086 or scan the code to book your Initial Appointment online!



