

The Indigenous maternal liaison



The Indigenous maternal liaison helps ensure that Indigenous pregnant persons (Life-Givers) receive culturally appropriate care before and after childbirth in the Family Birthing and Neonatal Intensive Care Units at Surrey Memorial Hospital. This support includes inviting care providers to consider culture, checking in at **Surrey Memorial Hospital** after in-hospital births, bringing cultural gifts and connecting Life-Givers with Indigenous supports for meaningful birthing experiences.



The Indigenous maternal liaison provides supports by:

- Connecting with Life-Givers and families during pregnancy.
- Referring Life-Givers to care providers and community supports when needed.
- Checking in before or after births while Life-Givers or babies are in the hospital.
- Bringing Indigenous culture to the birthing space and providing guidance to care providers.
- Supporting Life-Givers during care transitions to other hospitals and health authorities.
- Supporting clinical teams on their Indigenous cultural safety and humility journeys.

Contact information and referral steps:

Indigenous maternal liaison

Please call referral line at:

1-877-580-5342

Hours of service:

**Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
(excluding holidays)**

For general inquiries, please email:

IML@fraserhealth.ca

Family members and care providers can refer Life-Givers to the Indigenous maternal liaison. A Life-Giver may self-refer. Referrals and self-referrals are done by telephone or by talking to any hospital staff who can connect Life-Givers and their families with the Indigenous maternal liaison.