



# Management of gestational trophoblastic disease

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This statement has been developed by the  
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Declarations of interest have been received from all principal authors and Women's Health Committee.

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**Objectives:** To provide advice on the management of gestational trophoblastic disease.

**Target audience:** All health practitioners providing maternity care, and patients.

**Values:** The evidence was reviewed by the Women's Health Committee (RANZCOG), and applied to local factors relating to Australia and New Zealand.

**Validation:** This statement was compared with RCOG<sup>1</sup> and ACOG<sup>2</sup> guidelines on this topic.

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PSTT is increasingly thought of as a separate entity, as its behaviour differs from other GTDs. PSTT should be considered in cases of relapse. Treatment for PSTT is usually hysterectomy.

#### *4.1.5 Epithelioid Trophoblast Tumour (ETT)*

Epithelioid Tropho

#### 4.3 How should GTD be managed?

##### **Suspected molar pregnancy**

###### **Early pregnancy**

Ultrasound features  
PV bleeding  
Hyperemesis  
Abnormally high hCG levels

###### **Mid-trimester**

Large for dates  
Pre-eclampsia, hyperthyroidism, pulmonary

##### **Counselling**

Inform both patient and GP:

Pregnancy is now a reasonable option  
Fertility rate not affected  
1:70 risk of repeat molar pregnancy, therefore recommend early ultrasound, and hCG level 6 weeks following the completion of any future pregnancies (**regardless of outcome of that pregnancy**)







## 5.4 Follow-up

## 5.5 Technical information

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## Appendix B How should GTN be managed?

### GTN

Persistent GTD  
PSTT, ETT  
Choriocarcinoma

### Metastatic workup

Request MDT review

Organise FBE, UE, LFT, Group and hold,  
quantitative serum hCG, TFT

Organise metastatic screen (CT head, thorax,  
abdomen and pelvis. (Additional MRI head if  
choriocarcinoma, pulmonary metastases or  
neurological symptoms)

### WHO Risk score

Age  
Antecedent pregnancy  
Interval months from index pregnancy  
Pre-treatment hCG level  
Largest tumour size (cm)  
Site of metastases  
Number of metastases  
Previous failed chemotherapy

### WHO Score 7 or more

High risk protocol

### WHO Score <7

Low risk protocol

### High risk protocol

EMACO – example protocol

### Low risk protocol

Methotrexate/Folinic acid OR Actinomycin D

Example protocol MTX

Methotrexate 1mg/kg IMI on Day 1,3,5,7 and  
Folinic Acid 0.1mg/kg IMI (or 15mg oral) on Day  
2,4,6,8 repeated every 2 weeks

Example protocol Actinomycin D

Actinomycin 1.25mg/m<sup>2</sup> (max 2mg) IV every 2

### hCG normalises

Chemotherapy until normal hCG level, then further  
three cycles

Monthly hCG for 12 months, advise not to  
conceive during that time

Inform both patient and GP:

Patient cleared to get pregnant  
Fertility rate not affected  
1:70 risk of repeat molar pregnancy, therefore  
recommend early ultrasound, and hCG level  
6 weeks following the completion of any future  
pregnancies (**regardless of outcome of that  
pregnancy**)

## Appendix C Women's Health Committee Membership

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## Appendix D Overview of the development and review process for this statement

### *i. Steps in developing and updating this statement*

This statement was developed during 2013 and most recently reviewed in March 2017. The principle authors carried out the following steps in developing this statement:

Declarations of interest were received from all principal authors and Women's Health Committee members prior to reviewing this statement.

Structured clinical questions were developed and agreed upon.

A literature search to answer the clinical questions was undertaken and a draft was

appropriate) based on the body of evidence and clinical expertise of Women's Health Committee.

*ii. Declaration of interest process and management*

Declaring interests is essential in order to prevent any potential conflict between the private interests of members, and their duties as part of the Women's Health Committee.

A declaration of interest form specific to guidelines and statements was developed by RANZCOG and approved by the RANZCOG Board in September 2012. The Women's Health Committee members were required to declare their relevant interests in writing on this form prior to participating in the review of this statement.

Members were required to update their information as soon as they become aware of any changes to their interests and there was also a standing agenda item at each meeting where declarations of interest were called for and recorded as part of the meeting minutes.

There were no significant real or perceived conflicts of interest that required management during the process of updating this statement.

*iii. Grading of recommendations*

Each recommendation in this College statement is given an overall grade as per the table below, based on the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Levels of Evidence and Grades of Recommendations for Developers of Guidelines.<sup>18</sup> Where no robust evidence was available but there was sufficient consensus within the writing group, consensus-based recommendations were developed and are identifiable as such. Consensus-based recommendations were agreed to by the entire committee. Good Practice Notes are highlighted throughout and provide practical guidance to facilitate implementation. These were also developed through consensus.

Recommendation category		Description
Evidence-based	A	Body of evidence can be trusted to guide practice
	B	Body of evidence can be trusted to guide practice in most situations

Good Practice Note	Practical advice and information based on clinical opinion and expertise
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## Appendix E Full Disclaimer

This information is intended to provide general advice to practitioners, and should not be relied on as a substitute for proper assessment with respect to the particular circumstances of each case and the needs of any patient.

This information has been prepared having regard to general circumstances. It is the responsibility of each practitioner to have regard to the particular circumstances of each case. Clinical management should be responsive to the needs of the individual patient and the particular circumstances of each case.

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