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Dunedin.

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Dear Lynn,

Thank you for your letter. Since it is pouring with rain & our next lot of guests not to mention the youngest boys, 'arrive' from Thurs. to Sat. I shall take this golden opportunity to finally answer your helpful comments. Also I will enclose \$10 membership fee for D.M.S.N.Z. At the national conference in May I shall have the pleasure of meeting you, & hopefully the other 14 midwives as well.

As you may know we have only one Dom. G.P. in Dunedin Dr. James Hanan. When some-one is transferred to hospital, & needs to be referred, they become Prof. Unit patients, since the Ob. specialists bill the ladies for a fee of \$120. Most feel they cannot afford to pay.

May I continue with a few more questions

Do you do PNV visits at weekends and if the couple decides to go away for the week end do you add on two more days to make 14 PNV visits?

What is the mileage fee? In fact I would be pleased to have all fees, though

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Marilyn Walker did jot most down, on a little slip of paper. Have just been talking to her on the phone & she said to let you know that Rahima Baldwin is unable to come to the Conference. Any more ideas? No

What do you do when some one an hour drive from town, desires a Home Birth' i.e. I have a lady in Bachelutha who is dead keen. Yet when I applied to the Health Dept; & they enquired re my area, I stated: within a half hour's driving radius of my home (beside Roslyn village) My only thought is that she pays me direct (privately). Then has a district nurse in her own area make the P/N checks. I expect the hosp. could do the P.K.U. test. Her doctor is willing to attend the actual birth.

What records do you keep

i.e. Labour record, Birth record, P/N record on mother & babe, temp sheets

What must one do legally? They don't seem to know much here, since I am the first person to do Down-Mid.

In advance, many thanks for your help, Lynn.
Sincerely, Adele Birkbeck.