



Important Update: Changes to Inpatient Maternity Services

We want to keep you informed about changes to our maternity services and how we are ensuring the continued wellbeing of expectant mothers and their babies.

Closure of Labor and Delivery Services

Due to several challenges, including declining demand and staffing challenges, we have made the difficult decision to close our inpatient labor and delivery services, effective Oct. 15, 2023. While this change is not undertaken lightly, please rest assured that the safety and care of our patients remain our utmost priority.

Continued Commitment to Comprehensive Care

Although our labor and delivery services will no longer be available, we want to emphasize our unwavering dedication to comprehensive healthcare for women and children in our community. Our inpatient Gynecological services will continue to remain open, reaffirming our commitment to the health and well-being of our patients.

Process for Expectant Mothers Arriving at the Hospital While Pregnant

We understand that this change may raise questions, particularly for expectant mothers. If you arrive at our hospital while pregnant and require immediate medical attention, our experienced healthcare team is fully prepared to provide the necessary care. Here is the process:

Arrival to the Emergency Department (ED)

Proceed to the Emergency Department (ED) for immediate triage and assessment.

Triage and Assessment

Our nursing staff will assess your condition and pregnancy stage.

Initial Assessment

Vital signs monitoring, medical history review, and physical examination will be conducted.

Obstetric Consultation

If necessary, an obstetric specialist will be consulted for your care.

Patient History and Medical Records

We will obtain your prenatal records and relevant medical history.

Decision on Transfer

Based on your condition, our specialist will decide if delivery should occur in the ED or if transfer to a maternity services-equipped hospital is safer.

Delivery in the Emergency Department

In emergency situations, our team is prepared to facilitate a safe delivery.

Neonatal Care

Immediate care for your newborn will be provided if needed.

Continuous Monitoring and Post-Delivery Care

Both you and your baby will receive continuous monitoring and necessary care.

Communication with Maternity Care Providers

Open communication will be maintained with your maternity care providers.

Patient and Family Support

Our social workers and support staff are available for emotional support.

Your Questions Answered

We understand that you may have questions, and we are here to help. Our dedicated Patient Relations team is available as a resource for you to contact with questions or concerns.

Harnett Health remains committed to providing accessible, high-quality healthcare to our community. While this chapter may be closing, the impact we have made together will continue to resonate in the lives of those we have cared for. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time and look forward to continuing to serve your healthcare needs.

For more information or inquiries, please contact Patient Relations at (910) 766-7126.