

## FAQs Regarding Your Obstetrical Care

### **How will the closure of Morton Hospital's obstetrics and neonatal care unit affect my care?**

The health and safety of you and your baby continue to remain our top priority. All prenatal and postpartum care currently provided by Morton Hospital or in our OB/GYN provider offices will continue to be provided. The only change is that you will be transferred and/or referred to an alternate delivery site. This will ensure that essential pediatric services and specialists will be available to you and your baby 24/7 during and immediately following your delivery.

### **What happens if I go into labor prior to my scheduled delivery?**

If you believe you are in labor and are unsure if you can make it to the hospital where your delivery will be performed, you should go to the closest emergency department. Morton Hospital's Emergency Department is staffed by trained physicians, nurses and support staff who will provide the appropriate medical screening and stabilization, as well as ambulance transport to the delivering hospital. If you are actively in labor and determined to be near delivery, your delivery will be performed in our Emergency Department by our trained team of providers. After you and your baby have been stabilized, you will be transported to Good Samaritan Medical Center or another local delivering hospital.

### **What can I expect during my delivery at Good Samaritan Medical Center?**

Good Samaritan Medical Center offers a large availability of obstetricians, in-house anesthesiologists, a Level II nursery and a special care nursery all available 24-hours per day. In addition, Good Samaritan Medical Center is fully staffed by trained neonatal specialists to care for your baby after his or her delivery, ensuring the highest level of quality and safety for you and your newborn.

### **Will my own OB/GYN deliver my baby at Good Samaritan Medical Center?**

All of Morton Hospital's OB/GYN doctors are on staff and able to perform deliveries at Good Samaritan Medical Center.

### **What other hospitals can I choose to deliver at in this area?**

Other hospitals in our area providing the full range of gynecological and neonatal services include: Steward Norwood Hospital, in Norwood; Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth, in Plymouth; Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro; as well as the Southcoast Health hospitals (Charlton, St. Luke's, and Tobey); Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, RI, Kent Hospital in Warwick, RI, and Newport Hospital in Newport, RI. Five of these hospitals are within a 30 minute drive from Morton Hospital.

### **Will my Massachusetts health care insurance cover my delivery if I choose to deliver at an out-of-state hospital?**

You should speak with your insurance provider in advance to determine what OB/GYN services are covered by your plan – including whether or not your provider will cover your delivery at an out-of-state hospital. Morton Hospital cannot guarantee acceptance of insurance coverage at the alternative and out-of-state-delivery sites.

### **What do I do if I don't have transportation to another facility for required testing or appointments?**

If you are in need of transportation to services not offered at Morton Hospital or in our office, please let our staff know so we can assist you by offering a voucher for a local taxi, Uber or Lyft to get you to and from your appointment.

### **Will I continue to see my current OB/GYN for follow-up care after my delivery?**

Our community OB/GYN providers will continue to see patients in their offices as they do now. This includes postpartum care and visits following your delivery.

### **Who do I speak to if I have any questions about my delivery, or questions about my pregnancy in general?**

Our team is dedicated to ensuring you have the best possible experience and receive care of the highest quality. We will work closely with you throughout your entire pregnancy and delivery, and are here for you and available to answer any questions you may have. Please speak to your provider or our staff at any time if you have any questions or concerns that we can assist with.