

Maternal Care Centre – Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital (JPCH)

Who will be delivering my baby?

At the Maternal Care Centre at JPCH, there are two obstetricians managing the care of women who present with any concern in pregnancy or having a birth. These two specialists are scheduled to be present in the building 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. All of the obstetricians in Saskatoon take turns performing this “on call” duty.

The obstetrician works with residents and nursing staff. The resident is a medical doctor who is receiving extra training under an obstetrician to become an obstetrical specialist. The RN is also part of the care team and will be your primary contact most of the time.

Why can’t I be certain to have my regular doctor, the one I saw at my office visits?

The present standard of care in large hospitals like JPCH is to have an obstetrician managing care present in the hospital at all times. This gives us the ability to immediately respond to emergency situations, as well as always having an expert presence on the maternal care unit. It is not possible or safe for your own doctor to be present every day and every night year-round. It is a Canadian national recommendation to always have a complete physician team on site managing obstetrical care.

Whether you receive care from your own obstetrician, or you are meeting and new obstetrician for the first time when you arrive, your entire labour and birth team is committed to doing the best we can to ensure you have the experience you desire, in the safest setting possible. Our goal is a healthy mother and baby and a family centered birth experience.

What will happen when I am admitted to hospital?

Your care team will review your prenatal record so be sure to bring it with you. This form is where your obstetrician communicates the events of the pregnancy, including all test results and any items requiring special attention.

Please consider using the Birth Preference form as well to allow the team members to be aware of and understand your desires for your birth experience.

Your care team will perform a medical history and physical examination. Then, in partnership with you and your family, we will create a plan for your care that you are comfortable with.

If at any point you have concerns regarding your care, please speak to any member of your care team.

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