

## Deaconess

### *Reminders For Your Delivery*

- Bring your insurance card and photo ID EACH time you are admitted to The Women's Hospital.
- Enter through the South entrance—sign reads “OB-GYN Emergency.” Use this entrance 24 hours a day. Family and friends enter through the Main entrance, 24 hours a day.
- The usual hospital stay for a vaginal delivery is 2 days and for a Cesarean Section, 3 days.
- Visiting hours for your main support person and your other children are 24 hours a day. We require another adult to be present when children are visiting. Suggested visiting hours are 9:00 am—8:00 pm. Remember to allow yourself time to nap. Children of any age are allowed to visit with adult supervision. All visitors should use the main entrance regardless of the time they arrive. You may have family waiting here in the designated waiting areas while you are in labor even if it is during the night. Visitors should not have fevers, colds, flu or other illnesses. Everyone should wash their hands with soap before holding your baby. We request everyone wear shoes in the hallways, not just socks.
- The Women's Hospital is a latex-safe environment. If you choose to decorate your hospital door, we request you use latex-safe decorations. We also request that your family and friends not send latex balloons. Mylar balloons are okay.
- The official Birth Certificate must be requested from the Warrick County Health Department. There is a fee for EACH birth certificate. A free one is not automatically sent to you. If you wish to have the birth certificate mailed to you, a form will be provided to you after delivery. This form must be mailed to the address on the form, NOT The Women's Hospital. You may drive to Boonville for the birth certificate if you wish. The Record of Birth from the hospital is NOT the birth certificate.
- You will need to have a name for your baby about 24 hours after delivery in order to complete the birth certificate.
- If you are not married to the father of your baby and you want your baby to have the father's last name or if your baby will have your last name but you want the father's information on the birth certificate, the father must be here and sign the paternity affidavit within 24 hours after delivery. He must have a valid photo ID or state issued ID and his social security card. An expired ID will not be accepted. If the photo ID is not available, he will not be able to sign the paternity affidavit. If he is unable to be here, you can schedule an appointment with the Warrick County Health Dept. in Boonville, IN to change the baby's name on the birth certificate. They also require a photo id, social security card and a \$50 fee. You can do this until the child is 18 years of age.



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- If you have requested The Women's Hospital to file your baby's Social Security number, you do not need to do anything else. The card should arrive at your home address about 2-5 weeks after the birth of your baby. It is mailed from the Social Security Administration. If you will be filing for baby's Social Security number yourself, you will need to take the official Indiana State birth certificate as well as ID for yourself and go to the Social Security office.
- If you selected to have your baby's birth announcement in the Evansville newspaper, they are listed as space is available. We do not know when the announcement will be published. It may take weeks.
- The hospital works with professional newborn photographers to offer photographs of your newborn before you go home. An order form will be provided at the time that photos are taken.
- If you select to have your baby's photo on the web nursery, you will provide a password to the newborn photographer and complete a consent form at the time photos are taken.
- Family or friends may take pictures during your hospital stay. Health care providers must approve the use of videotaping once the baby is born (either vaginal Cesarean birth) and may ask that videotaping be stopped if emergency situations develop. Please ask staff for their permission before taking photos or videotaping them.
- Meals are provided for patients and included in your hospital stay. Family members will be responsible for their own meals. The hospital cafeteria is open for 3 hours at each meal time. The coffee shop and cafeteria both accept debit and credit cards. Food may be brought in by family members. You will order room service from a menu in your room. Family may also order room service, but they must pay for their meal with cash upon delivery to the room.
- All rooms are private. Room assignments are made upon your admission. We are unable to reserve rooms. You may have one other person spend the night with you. If your other children are spending the night, another adult must be present. You should bring sleeping bags (or something similar) for your other children.
- Remember labor induction dates are tentative and may need to be adjusted to accommodate someone already in labor.
- Baby must sleep in his/her crib, not in your bed. You may dress baby in his/her own clothing if you wish. No toys or stuffed animals should be placed in your baby's crib.
- If you would like for your baby to have a pacifier, you will need to bring one to the hospital or they may be purchased at the Boutique in the hospital's main lobby. Please bring 3-4 pair of your old panties as extra to keep your sanitary pads in place after delivery. Bring 3 "extra protection" sanitary napkins and 3 diapers for your baby in case you run out prior to discharge. Pack your toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant) as well as comfortable clothing for you to wear (something stretchy will be more comfortable and fit better) and for baby to wear home.



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- Check the installation of your baby's car seat prior to delivery. Know how to properly adjust the straps for your baby. The nurse discharging you will NOT place your baby in the car seat. She will NOT install the seat in your car and she will NOT check your car seat. As a parent, you are responsible for the use of your baby's car seat. You can call The Women's Hospital to schedule an appointment for car seat installation assistance at 812-842-4655.
- Phone calls from the hospital may be long distance to some areas of Evansville. The Women's Hospital has a Newburgh phone number. If you plan to use a mobile phone, remember your charger. You may consider the purchase of calling cards for long distance calls. You may also call collect or make credit card calls. Long distance calls can NOT be added to your hospital bill.
- If you deliver by Cesarean Section, ONE person may accompany you to surgery IF you are awake for surgery. This is the policy of the Anesthesia Department for surgical safety.
- If you have a scheduled Cesarean Section, you need to arrive 2 hours before your scheduled surgery time and NOTHING to eat or drink after MIDNIGHT the night before your scheduled surgery.
- If you have not already selected a health care provider for your baby, you need to do so prior to your admission. Your obstetrician does not provide care for your newborn. You may choose a pediatrician or a family physician. If a family physician delivers your baby, you may choose him/her for baby. If you have a midwife, you may choose her for your baby. Prior to delivery, you will need to call the person you select for your baby's care to make sure they accept your insurance and are accepting new patients.
- Baby will need a blood test called a "Newborn Screen." This test is accurate after baby is 48 hours old. If you go home before 48 hours, we are required by law to do the test before you leave and you will be required to bring the baby back 1-5 days later for a repeat test. You are charged for one test. This test is required by Indiana law and is a test for 43 conditions. The results will be sent to your baby's doctor.
- The Women's Hospital has a Newborn Channel on Analog Channels 2 and 3 (English and Spanish). Programs include baby bath, feedings, mother care, sleep safety and more. A program guide will be in your packet after delivery.

