



Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center

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Obstetrics/Labor & Delivery

Women who choose to have their babies at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center know that it is a very special place, where every birth is understood as a profound family event. Mothers appreciate the skill and attention of physicians and staff who work together closely during normal deliveries to meet every family's needs and expectations. They also are reassured knowing that they are in a hospital with unmatched expertise and experience in caring for the most complex pregnancies and deliveries.

Perhaps that's why more women in the past decade have chosen to have their babies at Banner Good Samaritan than any hospital in Arizona.

Maternity Center

The Maternity Center is designed for convenience, comfort and beauty. The Center has a designated entrance just off the hospital's third floor where there is designated patient parking.

The Education room, offering spectacular views of the Valley's landmark mountains, is a focal point of maternity education for expecting mothers and their partners. A full complement of childbirth education classes and special programs cover topics on prenatal education, breastfeeding, classes for siblings and help for teen mothers. Plus, all expecting moms receive our Parents-To-Be book from their physician's office which covers prenatal, hospital and home care education topics for you and your baby.

For information on a tour of the Maternity Center or information on Maternity Education classes, call 602-230-CARE (2273).



Nurse educators conduct a full slate of classes for expecting parents and new parents, including prenatal education, breastfeeding, sibling care and help for teen mothers.

Labor and Delivery

When women experiencing labor come into the Maternity Center for birth, they are admitted first into a triage area with 12 exam rooms and two ultrasound rooms where their labor is assessed by a highly experienced and caring staff. An emergency delivery room is located inside this area.

After a careful assessment, laboring mothers are moved into the Maternity Center delivery area, which is nearby the triage area on the same third-floor level. There are 36 labor rooms in this area and a well-baby nursery. Our physicians and nursing staff are committed to maintaining the mother-infant relationship as often as possible, and most of our newborns stay in mother's room after birth.

Following birth, mothers and their babies are moved to the Maternity Center's recovery (postpartum) area on the fourth floor of the hospital where there are 40 private rooms and eight semi-private rooms. Comfortable lighting and soothing room colors provide a home-like feeling. To enhance bonding, mothers and newborns are cared for as a couplet throughout their stay in this area.

High-risk Obstetrics

Banner Good Samaritan is a nationally-known center for high-risk obstetrics, the care of mothers and fetuses deemed at-risk for serious health complications during pregnancy and birth. Banner Good Samaritan is certified as a Level III Perinatal Center by the Arizona Perinatal Trust and works in close partnership with the Phoenix Children's Hospital Level III Intensive Care Nursery (ICN). The ICN is located inside Banner Good Samaritan, adjacent to the Labor & Delivery area.

Women come to Banner Good Samaritan from around the nation to receive care from highly skilled perinatologists (physicians who specialize in high-risk obstetrics) and an equally impressive staff of nurses. Our High-risk Obstetrics program is nationally-known for its care and expertise in:

- High-order multiples (triplets and above)
- Fetal surgery
- Critical care for expecting mothers
- General high-risk care

The High-risk Obstetrics area includes 12 large suites and two surgical rooms dedicated to caring for high-risk women who need to be hospitalized prior to the births of their children including extra space for fathers to stay overnight.



In special cases, ultrasound-guided fetal surgery procedures performed by experienced physicians are conducted to allow the unborn child to fully develop in the womb.

Breastfeeding

Nearly 75 percent of women opt to breastfeed their newborns. Sometimes, though, breastfeeding can be a very frustrating process for both mother and baby to learn. This is why Banner Good Samaritan provides the Mother-Infant Lactation Counselor program, a team of counselors who provide specialized assistance to mothers who are experiencing this difficulty. The role of these specialists is to educate moms on the proven benefits of breastfeeding, how to begin, and then how to continue the breastfeeding process while they are still in the hospital.

Hearing Test

Every baby born at Banner Good Samaritan will receive a hearing test to identify hearing impairments and ensure each child has the best opportunity for normal development.

Medical Education

Banner Good Samaritan offers a respected Obstetrics and Gynecology residency program that is part of the hospital's major teaching program. Affiliated with the University of Arizona College of Medicine, this four-year program trains physicians who have chosen Obstetrics and Gynecology as their chosen area of specialty. It is common for a resident to be involved with a mother's labor, delivery and recovery.

Arrange a Tour, Find a Class

Prospective parents who are looking for a birthing hospital may call Banner Health's Patient Information service at (602) 230-CARE to arrange a tour of Banner Good Samaritan. You can also sign up for a variety of informational seminars and classes on prenatal care and childcare through the same number.