

Questions Regarding Labor and Maternity Services at St. Peter's and Samaritan Hospitals

Q: How does the labor/midwife experience differ between St. Peter's Hospital and Samaritan Hospital?

A: We are asking to move a location not the practitioner or plan for delivery. The experience is dictated by the relationship between the provider and the patient, not the building where the delivery takes place. The policies surrounding obstetrics/deliveries are the same at both sites.

Q: Does/can the approach at St. Peter's model the midwifery approach at Samaritan for those delivering with midwives?

A: YES. We are not seeking to remove any relationships that patients may have with their chosen midwife practice. Midwife patients are seeking low-intervention births. This is as acceptable at St. Peter's as it is at Samaritan.

Q: When there is a shortage of staff at Samaritan, who decides who stays at Samaritan and who goes to St. Peter's? Or is it on a first-come, first-serve basis?

A: Decisions regarding re-routing are decided based on what is happening on the maternity unit at that time. For example, all scheduled procedures (inductions and C-sections) will be moved first so as to have staff/care available for spontaneous laboring patients. If more space is necessary, patients who call their provider for advice will be directed to a hospital that has availability, which may be St. Peter's Hospital or another area birthing center.

Q: Can St. Peter's accommodate all the patients who would have gone to Samaritan within the current labor and delivery space? If not, are there expansion plans?

A: St. Peter's can accommodate the increase in deliveries. The hospital will have busy times, but most days will have adequate rooms and staff. We are currently undergoing renovations that will decompress the labor and delivery unit, by providing a separate labor and delivery triage area.

Q: Will St. Peter's be able to offer all the services that Samaritan does?

A: St. Peter's offers all the services Samaritan does, as well as the benefits of 24/7 in-house pediatric care, neonatal intensive care unit, 24/7 in-house obstetrical care, 24/7 in-house anesthesia care, and a fully staffed and stocked blood bank.

Q: Will the colleagues at Samaritan be offered positions within St. Peter's Health Partners?

A: Yes.



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