Welcome to Women’s Services at St. Joseph Hospital - the first Baby-Friendly Hospital in Orange County. We hope these notes help you prepare for your visit to our hospital.

- The 2ND Floor of Building 1 contains Labor and Delivery, OB admitting, ante-partum (MBU A), and post-partum (MBU A and B).

- OB Admitting is where you come to get checked in. You may mail or drop off your registration forms at the main lobby of St. Joseph Hospital.

- If you come to the hospital between 5:30am-8:00pm, please come through the main lobby. If you come to the hospital between 8:00pm-5:30am, please use the ER entrance. Valet parking is $4.00.

- You will deliver in a labor, delivery, and recovery room (LDR) and will stay up to 1-2 hours after delivery (for a vaginal birth). You are allowed up to 3 people at a time to visit you in the LDRs. Others can wait in the L&D waiting room (on MBU B) and rotate in. Due to fire codes, we can not have people wait in the hallways. NO children under the age of 12 are allowed on the floor unless they are siblings of the newborn. Adults with young children must wait in the main lobby on the 1st floor.

- Camera and video equipment is welcome, but we ask that you do not use tripods. Let your nurse know if you plan to video tape. All staff (including MD) will need to grant permission to be on camera.

- We practice skin to skin contact and an enhanced bonding experience for the parents and newborn right after birth. Due to this we ask all visitors to wait outside of the LDR for the first hour to 1 ½ hours after birth so the newborn can get to know his or her parents.

- The waiting room for L&D is on MBU B (2 East). This is where family will wait if you are having a C section. Only one person is allowed to be with mom during a C section delivery.

- The Mother Baby Unit (MBU) is where you will go after you deliver your baby. We have private and semi-private rooms. By popular request from our patients, we have a “Celebration of Life” package available. This includes a special celebration dinner (ordered the evening you want to share it with a partner or support person), a gift from the hospital and a private room. This is available for a rate of $300.00 for the stay. When you come to OB admitting you can request this package. It has limited availability and is determined on a first delivered first served basis.

- If you are staying in a private room, you may have one person stay the night. We do not allow overnight stays in a semi-private room.

- As part of your delivery at St. Joseph Hospital you will receive a complementary appointment at our Mother Baby Assessment Center 3-5 days after discharge. Someone will visit you to set that up while you are at the hospital.

- For infection control and space concerns, visitation on the MBU is limited to 3 people at a time. Please have your visitors use the waiting room and rotate visitation. Again, only siblings of the baby are allowed to visit if they are under 12.

- Our Neonatal Transitional Unit is for babies that need observation, medications or treatments. To help you get to know your baby’s cues and needs before going home, we practice rooming in for all of our babies. The unit can also be used in case no one is in the room to watch your baby and you need to take a shower.
To support, protect, and promote breastfeeding at our hospital, we do not distribute formula bags at discharge. Also, pacifiers are not recommended in the first few weeks of life for a breastfeeding mother. We will not supply pacifiers. We do have a diaper bags and other gifts for you when you go home.

We have a picture service and the ability to build a web site before and after delivery. Please use the Welcome Newborn Kiosk on MBU A or visit http://www.welcomenewborn.com/index.jsp?hospital=SJ to learn more about your ability to build a web site for your newborn and send out announcements to family.

We also have many mother and baby related items available at our gift shop and Mother Baby Assessment Center Stork Stop. We have the ability to deliver items you may have forgotten to your room at specific hours. Ask your nurse for more information.

Your baby’s security is very important to us. You will be educated about our infant security procedures in detail when you arrive. Please know that your baby will have an electronic device placed on his or her ankle for the entire stay. Also, no one is allowed to visit on the floor without a security badge. All employees will have a picture badge on. Last, you are your baby’s best protection, so if you feel uncomfortable with a visitor or someone entering your room, call your nurse immediately.

Thank you for choosing St. Joseph hospital as your place of delivery. We look forward to caring for you and your family.

The Women’s Services Team

Important Phone Numbers

St. Joseph Hospital (714) 633-9111
Physician Referral (714) 633-3627
Perinatal Education (714) 771-8266
Maternal Fetal Testing (714) 744-8713
OB Admitting (714) 744-8888
Stork Stop Boutique & Mother Baby Assessment Center (714) 744-8764
SJH Birth Records (714) 771-8000 X 12893