

# Augusta University Medical Center Perinatal Services Virtual Tour and Q&A

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**Level III Maternal Care Center**

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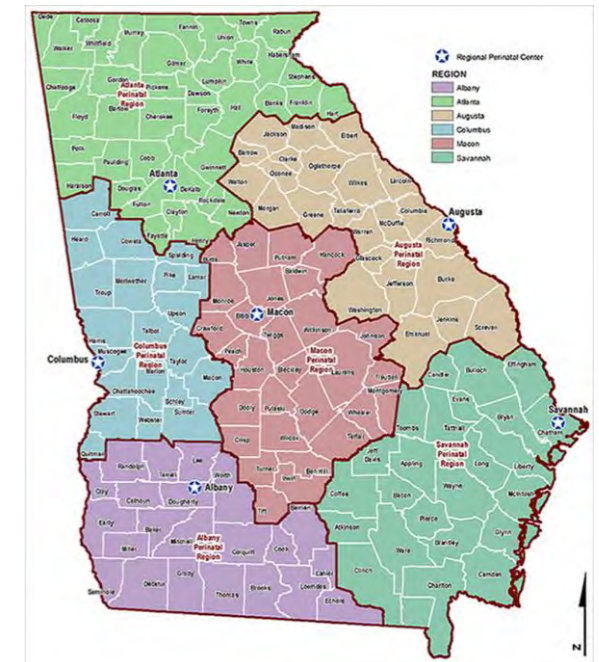


# AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Got questions? Call 706-721-2688 & ask for a nurse!

# About Us

- ❖ AU Health serves a diverse, predominantly high risk obstetric patient population from the Central Savannah River Area, both East Central Georgia and the corresponding area in South Carolina.
- ❖ AU Health is a Regional Perinatal Center as designated by the GA Department of Public Health (DPH).
- ❖ **It is also Georgia's 1<sup>st</sup> hospital designated by DPH as a Level III Maternal Care Center.**
- ❖ **AU Health has the region's only Obstetrical Emergency Department (OBED).**
- ❖ AU Health has 24/7 in-house obstetrics and anesthesia coverage.



# Scope of Perinatal Services

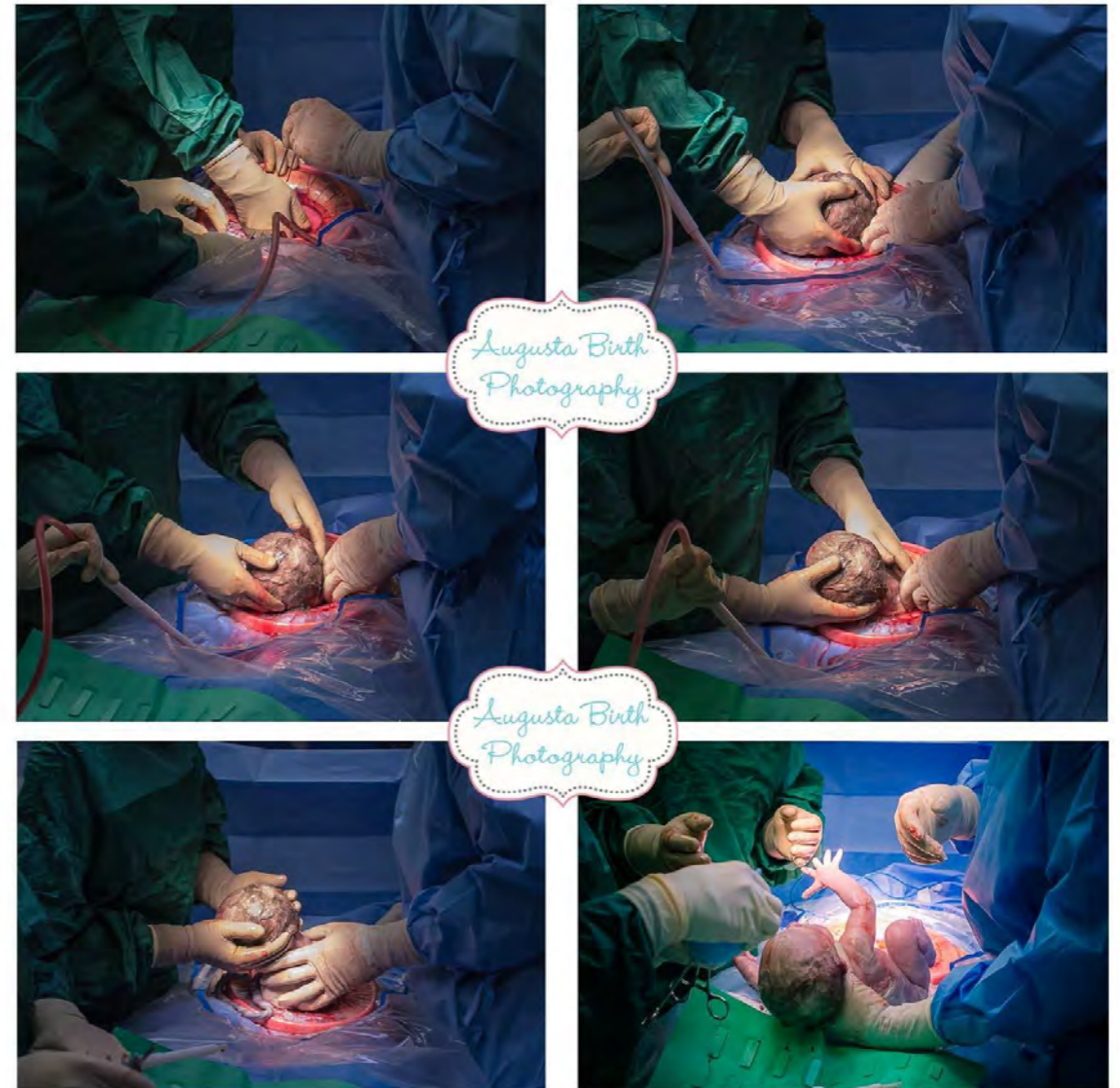
- ❖ The Perinatal Unit at AU Health is comprised of 4 OBED beds, 8 LDRs, a surgical suite with 3 ORs, 2 AP/LDR swing rooms, and 14 private rooms for the care of antepartum and postpartum patients.
- ❖ The Perinatal Unit has a respite care nursery that is utilized for newborn procedures.
- ❖ AU Health has been a national leader in Patient- and Family-Centered Care for more than 20 years.
- ❖ PFCC is a top priority & thus we offer couplet care from the delivery room to discharge, only separating baby & mother when medically necessary.



# Scope of Perinatal Services

AU Health provides the following ancillary services on a 24/7 basis:

- ❖ Emergency Medicine and Rapid Response Team support
- ❖ Critical care, adult and pediatric
- ❖ Anesthesia, adult and pediatric
- ❖ Radiology (in-house with telehealth support), including IR
- ❖ General surgical and sub-specialty services
- ❖ General medical and sub-specialty services
- ❖ Laboratory services including blood bank
- ❖ Vascular access and phlebotomy
- ❖ Hospital administration (AOC)



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# Our Team



# Who are we?

## ➤ **Medical/Surgical Team**

- General Obstetrics faculty
  - (16 AU and numerous community providers)
- Obstetrics residents (20 AU OB/GYN)
- Maternal-Fetal Medicine (2 faculty)
- Certified-Nurse Midwives (3)
- Family Practice faculty (AU)
- Sub-specialty providers (Urogynecology, GYN-Oncology, Reproductive Medicine)



## ➤ **Nursing Team**

- Nurse Manager
- Clinical Outcomes Manager
- Assistant Nurse Manager
- Nurse Educator
- Registered Nurses (80)
- Ancillary Staff Members (23)
- IBCLC Lactation Consultants

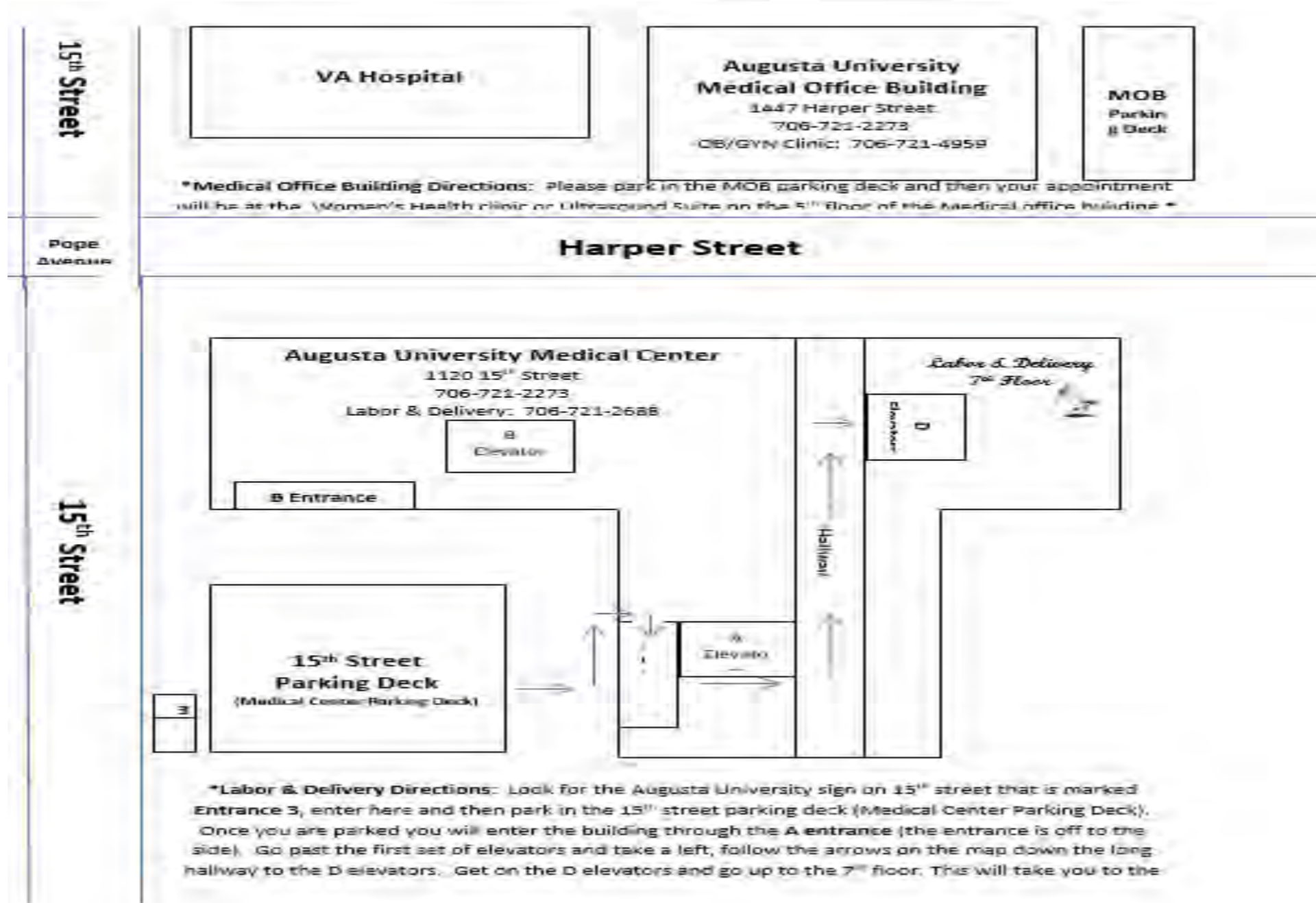


# Our Unit



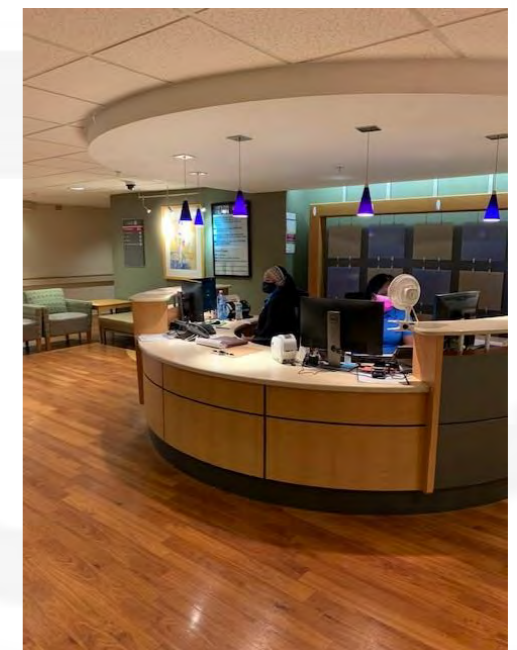
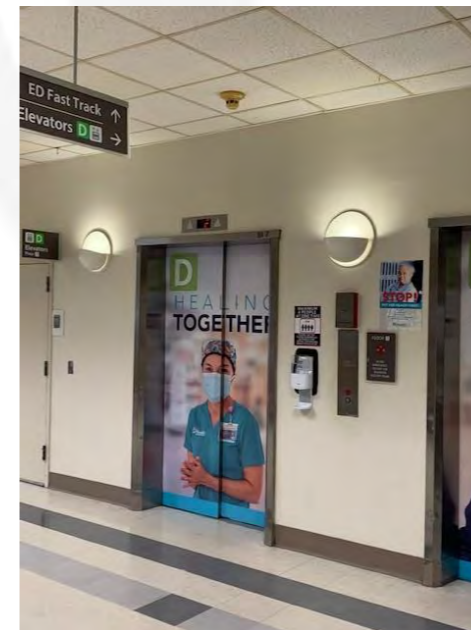
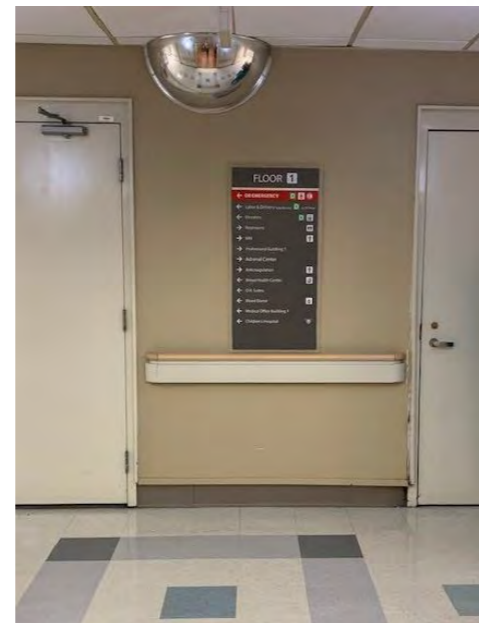


# How to find us!



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## In Pictures



# After Hours Access



From 10pm - 5am our only open access to the hospital is at the Emergency Department. This entrance is located on Harper Street. Just tell the triage desk you need to go to L&D and they will bring you up!



# What to expect



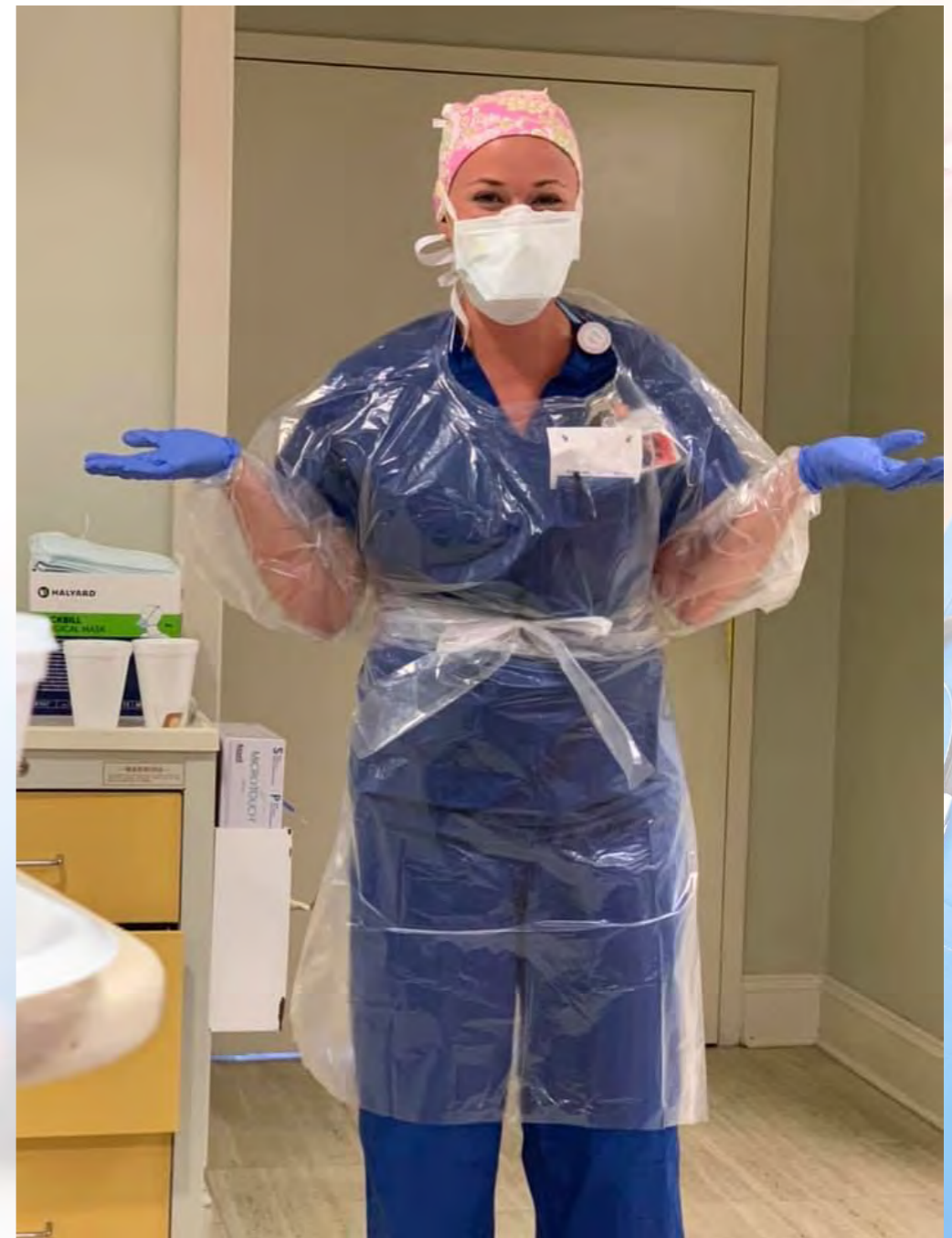
# OBED



# Why would I come to OBED?

AU Health's OB Emergency Dept (OBED) provides care to women from 16wks of pregnancy until 6 weeks postpartum for obstetrical issues such as :

- Vaginal Bleeding
- Bladder infections or urinary tract infections
- Preterm labor/Contractions
- Suspect your water has broken
- Pain
- Severe vomiting
- Increased blood pressure
- Severe Headache not relieved by Tylenol
- Blurred vision
- Unusual swelling
- Seeing spots
- Fever greater than 100.4
- Mastitis
- Drainage from C/S wound
- Foul smelling vaginal discharge

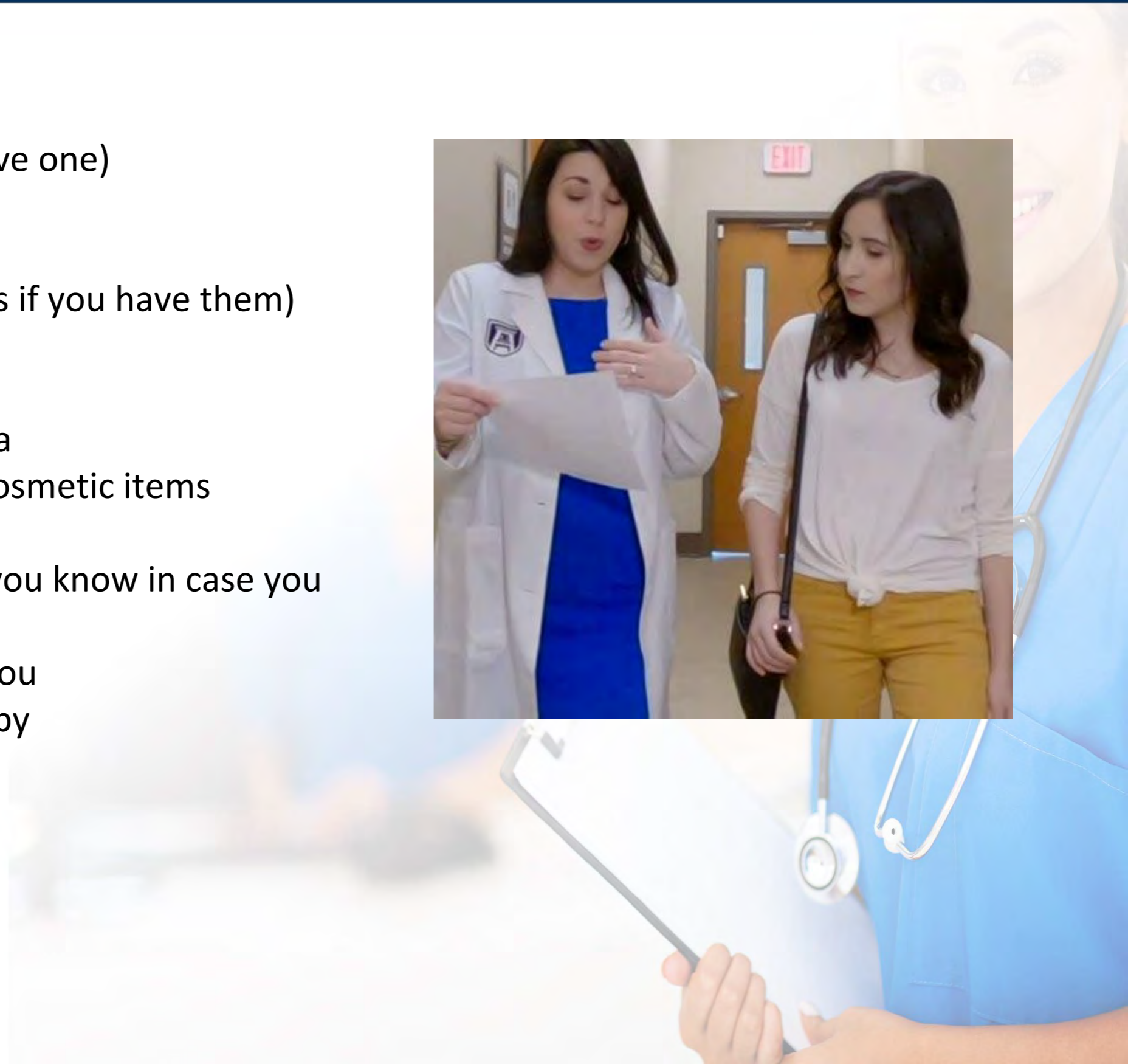


# L&D



# What do I bring with me?

- Your birth plan (if you have one)
- Your favorite music
- A pillow
- Socks (the ones with grips if you have them)
- Chapstick/lip balm
- Slippers/flip flops
- Good support/nursing bra
- Your favorite toiletry & cosmetic items
- Ponytail holder
- Cards, books, or laptop (you know in case you get bored 😊 )
- Going home clothes for you
- Going home outfit for baby





# 7 West



# Baby Photos!



# What is provided for me & baby ?

- ❖ Pads
- ❖ Disposable Panties
- ❖ Gripper Socks
- ❖ Tucks
- ❖ Ice packs
- ❖ Heating packs
- ❖ Sitz Bath
- ❖ Large Water Mug
- ❖ Diapers
- ❖ Wipes
- ❖ Tshirts
- ❖ Hat
- ❖ Baby bath supplies
- ❖ Breast pump (if needed)
- ❖ Formula (if formula feeding)
- ❖ Photography Services

**FOOD AND  
NUTRITION SERVICES  
OFFERS**

# **GUEST TRAYS**

for all family members  
of admitted patients to  
be delivered to your  
room!

**BREAKFAST - \$3  
LUNCH - \$5  
DINNER - \$5**

**Please call the Diet Office  
at 706-721-3130 or see  
your Ambassador to place  
your order.**

**Breakfast orders should be  
placed by 6:30am, lunch by  
10:30am, and dinner by 3:30pm.**



# What if my baby needs special care?

- ❖ The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is housed within the **Children's Hospital of Georgia** which is adjacent to the main hospital.
- ❖ **We serve as the region's only Level 4 NICU** and as the referral center.
- ❖ We are one of two ECMO centers in the entire state.
- ❖ The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is staffed by board-certified Neonatologists along with pediatricians completing their fellowship in Neonatology and Neonatal Nurse Practitioners.
- ❖ We also offer a variety of pediatric surgical subspecialists to care for our sickest babies.



# Breastfeeding Support!



**Teresa R. McCullen, BS,  
IBCLC/Licensed, RLC**



**Semone Williams, BA,  
CLC IBCLC RLC**

We offer lactation services to support you & your baby to ensure feeding successful :

- Two board certified IBCLC
- Three certified lactation counselors
- Nurse Champions established for Georgia Five Star program to work with lactation consultants to teach & support staff
- Education on cue based feeding
- Follow up phone calls for all breastfeeding mothers
- Working with outpatient practices to offer education during the prenatal period and

# Never settle for good when great is available. Thank you for choosing AUHealth Perinatal!

Orrin Woodward, Author

