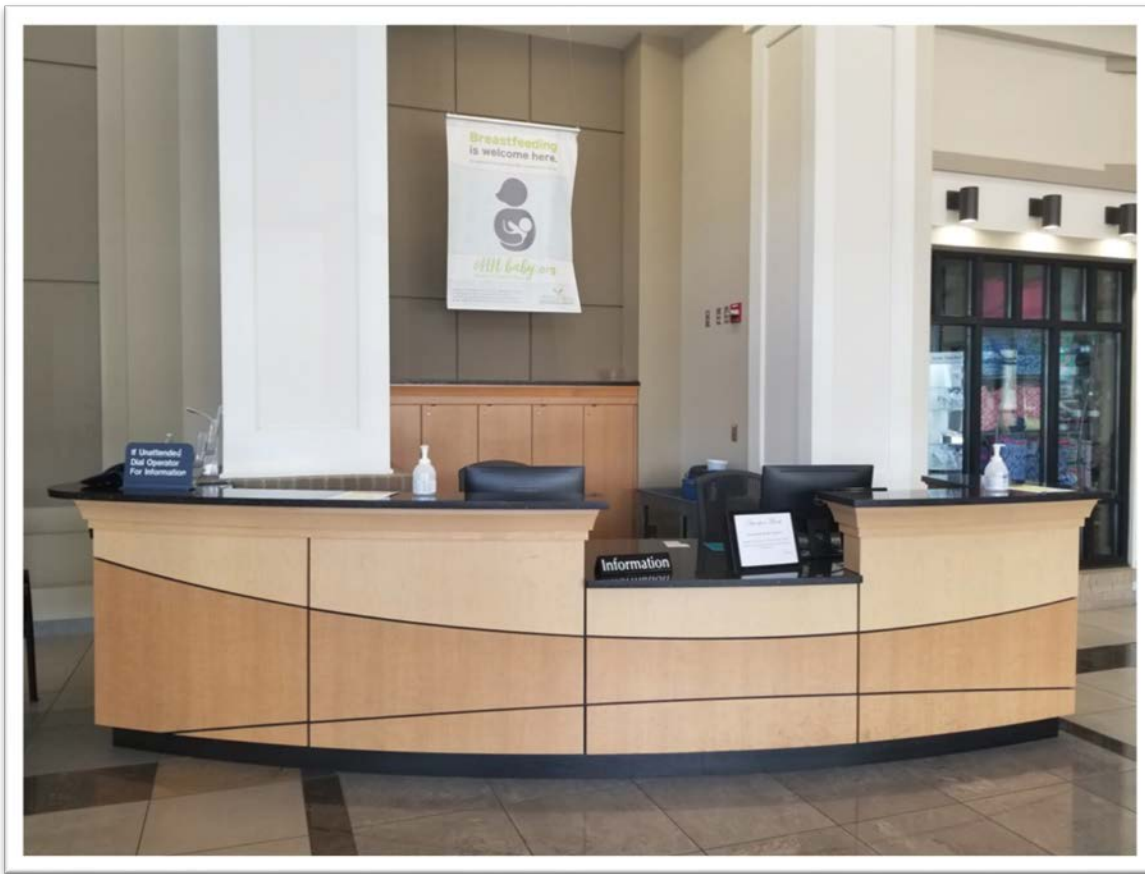


Maternity Tour





- This is the main entrance to Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children. It is open 24/7.
- For scheduled cesarean births and inductions, please park in the hospital parking lot. If you are in labor or NOT in labor and need assistance, please pull in the drop off area.



- You may have one support person accompany you.
- This person will have their temperature checked and must have a photo ID upon entering.
- You may not change support persons during your stay.



You may access the lobby elevators on the first floor across from Starbucks.

Second Floor:

Labor & Delivery
OB Emergency Department

Third Floor:

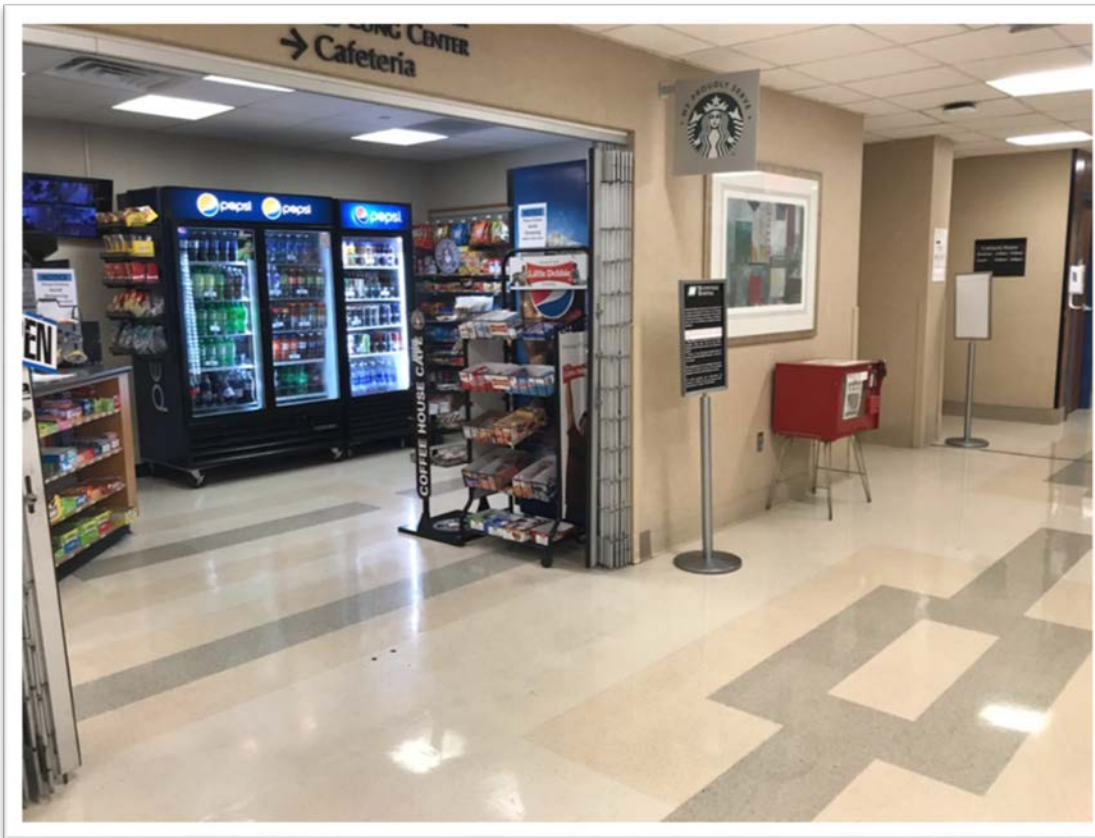
Regional Level III Neonatal
ICU

Fourth Floor:

Pediatric Unit

Fifth Floor:

Mother Baby Unit



- The Cafeteria is on the ground floor. It is open for lunch from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- The Grab & Go is also located on the ground floor (pictured).

- On the second floor, you will find the admission desk for Labor & Delivery and the OB Emergency Department.
- Bring a photo ID, insurance card and co-pay.
- After you are registered, a nurse will escort you to the OB-ED for evaluation. You will be assessed and your physician will be notified of your arrival.
- ALL patients come through the OB-ED unless they are a direct admit from their physician.





- This is the Antepartum Unit located on the second floor.
- You would be moved to this unit if you are in need of hospitalization prior to delivering.

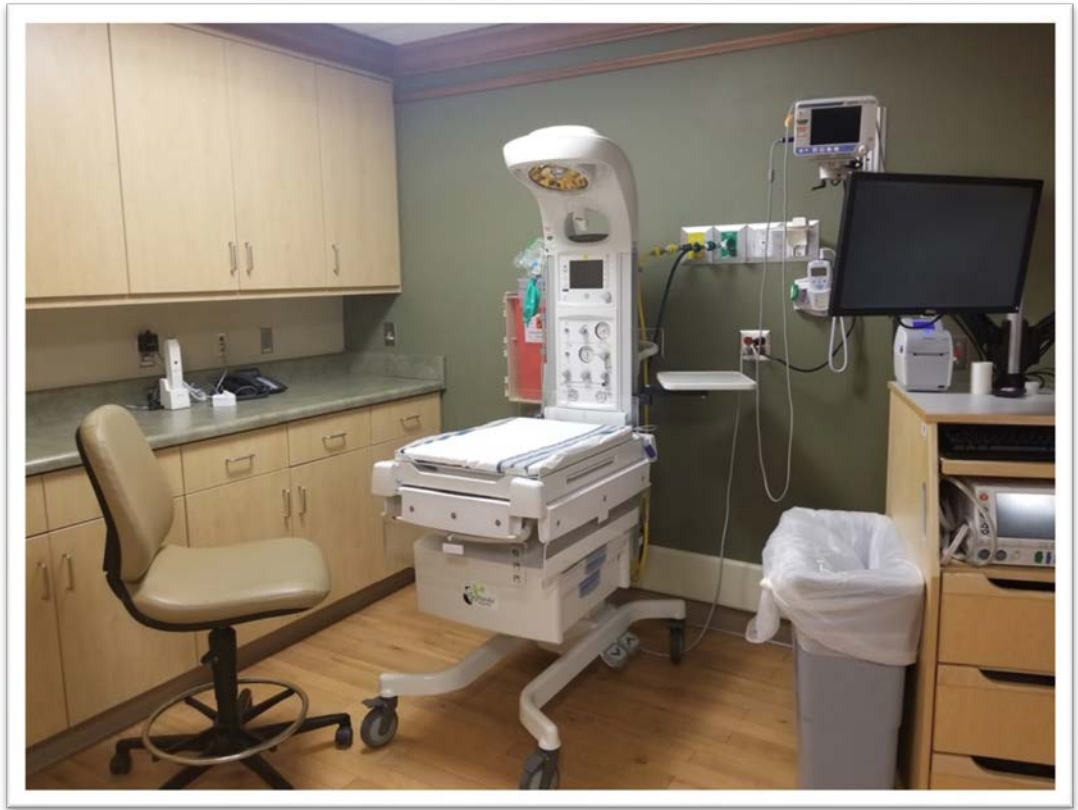


- Some physicians request that the patient notify them of problems before proceeding to the hospital.
- Others tell their patients to come to the OB-ED if they think they are in labor.
- Please ask your physician or office staff about his or her preferences.

- If you are scheduled for induction of labor or a cesarean section, you will be admitted directly to Labor & Delivery.
- Your support person may remain with you during your stay.
- We have labor support aids such as a birthing ball and a peanut ball for positioning during labor. A squatting bar is available upon request.

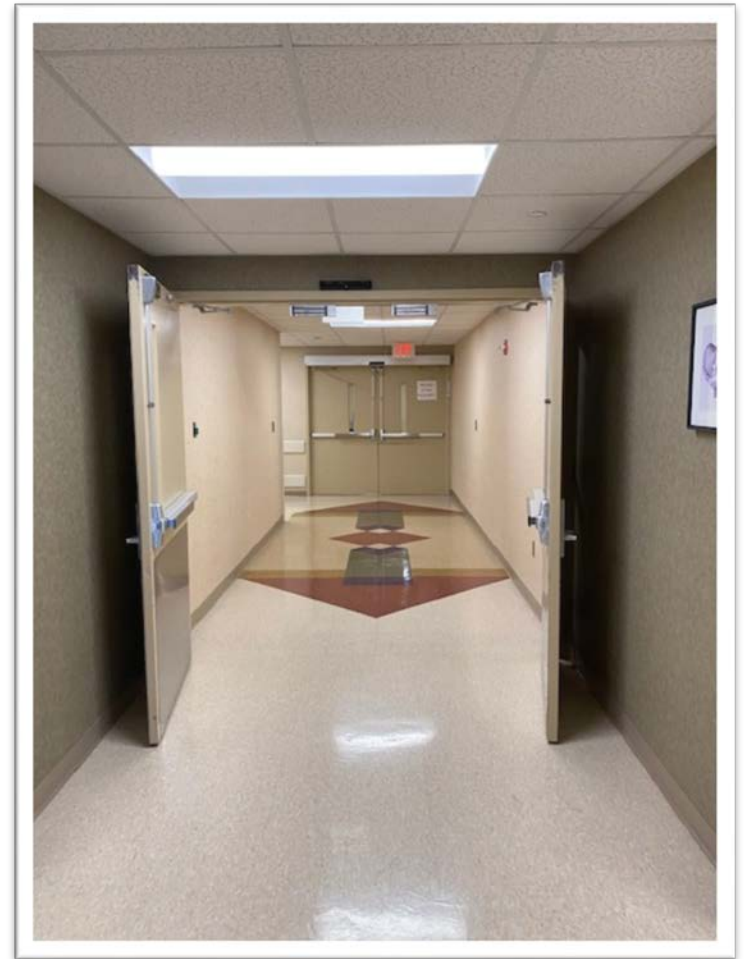


- Your baby will be placed on the mother's chest for one hour of skin-to-skin and to initiate breastfeeding.
- The Delivery Care Team will do the initial assessment, including placing the identification bands, a shot of Vitamin K and eye ointment.
- The baby will stay in the Labor & Delivery room through recovery. The bath will be delayed until the mother is moved to a Postpartum room.



A stamette unit is available in all rooms for the baby to be warmed and assessed.

- If you have a cesarean birth, you will be taken to the operating room (OR). You may have one support person with you.
- The support person must wait outside until the anesthesia is placed.
- They must wear a gown, hat, mask and shoe covers. Cameras are welcome if approved by the physician.
- You will be in the recovery room around one hour.

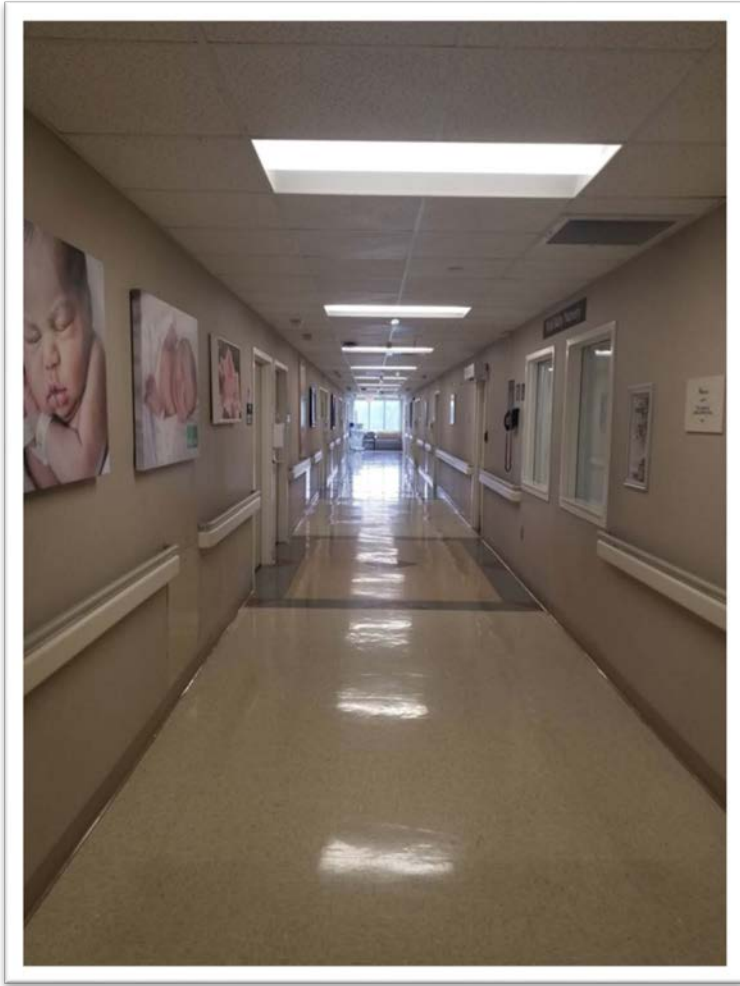


- A cesarean section usually lasts between 45 minutes to an hour.
- You may request to lower the double panel to make a clear drape to see the baby during delivery.
- In the OR room, a neonatal nurse practitioner or NICU nurse will be present.
- They will assess the baby and call the Delivery Care Team if baby is ready for skin-to-skin.
- Baby, mom and support person will go to Recovery for breastfeeding, eye ointment and Vitamin K shot.

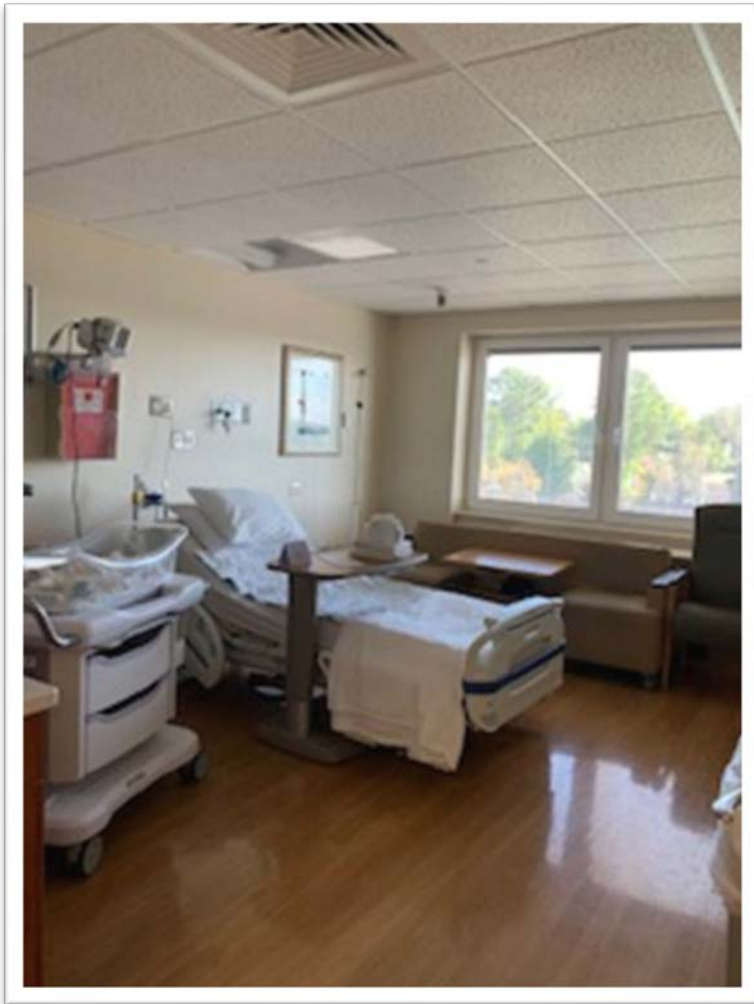




- As the only Level III NICU in North Alabama, the unit is designated by the state as the only Region I Referral Center for babies who need critical, lifesaving medical care.
- Our recently completed expansion brings our patient bed total to 55.
- We have 5 neonatologists, 2 nurse practitioners and 130 registered nurses and staff.
- Our Level III NICU features specialized flooring with noise reduction, acoustic ceiling tiles and indirect lighting to promote healthy brain development.
- We care for more than 1,000 NICU infants each year, providing respiratory support, advanced imaging, pediatric surgery, pediatric anesthesiology and more.



- After recovery, mom and baby will be moved to the Mother Baby Unit on the fifth floor.
- We offer 24-hour “rooming-in”, which means that your baby can be with you in your room unless they need nursery care.



- Our postpartum rooms have a couch that makes into a bed. One support person may spend the night.
- There is a menu in each room for Mom to order her meals while in the hospital. Orders can be placed until 7 p.m.
- We encourage parents to have their babies in the room with them as much as possible. This allows you to learn what is “normal” about your baby and allows for the nurse and physician the opportunity to interact with you as they are caring for your baby.



Please make sure you have your car seat and it is installed correctly before discharge. Babies will not be allowed to discharge without a car seat.

To read the *Breastfeeding Guide*
and *Admission and Discharge*
Information for New Mothers,
please visit:

<http://www.hhwomenandchildren.org/maternity>



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- [Guide for new moms](#)
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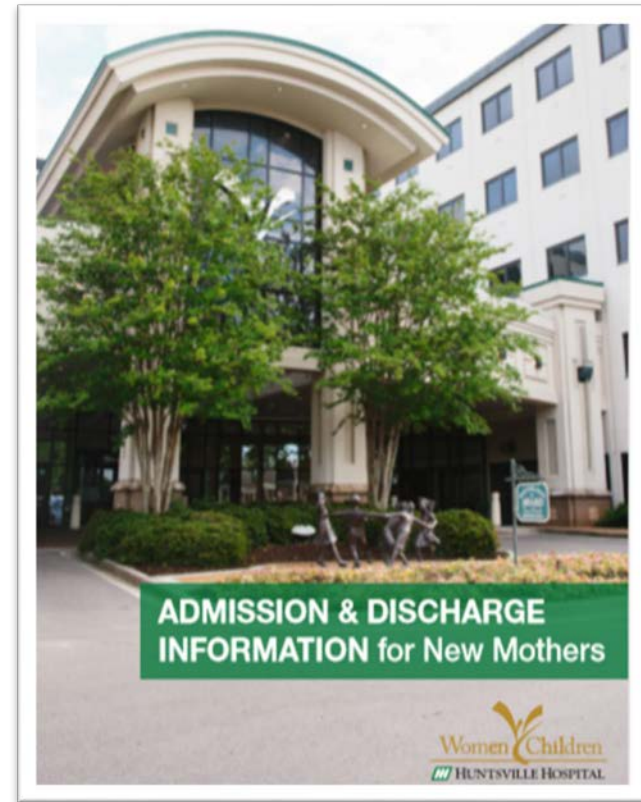
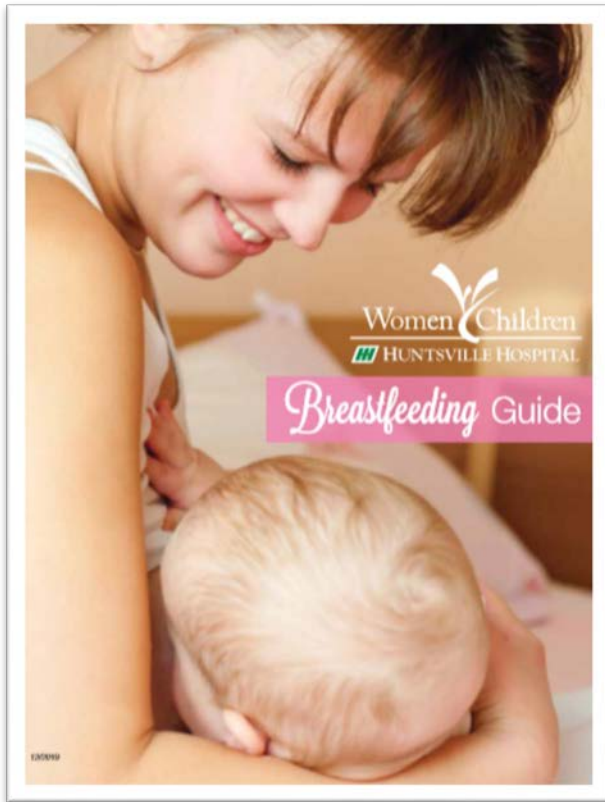
Pre-registration
Call (256) 265-2229 (BABY)

Maternity

Congratulations on your pregnancy! This is a special time for your family and a time for many decisions. We're here for you every step of the way with [classes](#), [tours](#) and many specialized maternity services. We hope that you will trust us to care for you and your baby when the time comes.

Offering the region's only:

- OB-GYN Emergency Department**
10-bed unit open 24/7 and staffed with a board certified obstetrician and nurse practitioners where women with pregnancy-related emergencies, complications and concerns at any stage of pregnancy.
- Full-time Maternal Fetal Medicine program**



Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children is committed to providing you with childbirth education. Please continue to wash your hands and practice social distancing. We look forward to caring for you on your special day!