

MOTHER BABY CENTER™

OBSTETRIC CRITICAL CARE PROGRAM

Raising funds for maternal fetal medicine and neonatal medicine



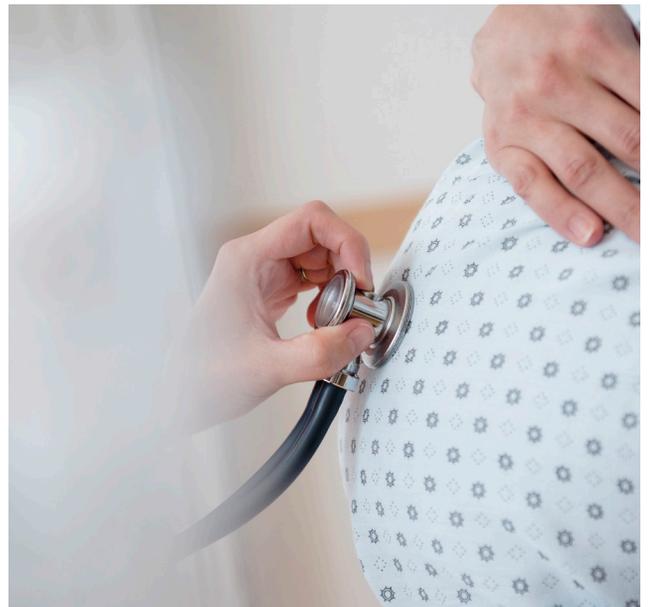
Mother Baby Center™ Obstetric Critical Care Program

Pregnancy is often a time of joyful excitement and anticipation of new life. But for an increasing number of women, pregnancy causes serious health crises for both mother and baby. Pregnancy later in life, and maternal health issues like heart defects and chronic illnesses, are making obstetric care more complex. In response, Abbott Northwestern Hospital created the Obstetric (OB) Critical Care Program to safeguard these mothers and their babies.

The OB Critical Care Program is the only one of its kind in the region, and it builds on Abbott Northwestern's and The Mother Baby Center's national leadership in critical care, maternal fetal medicine, neonatal medicine and a wide range of clinical expertise. A dedicated multidisciplinary team of physicians, advance practice providers, nurses and other clinicians in the OB Critical Care Program ensures that a woman with life-threatening health concerns in any stage of pregnancy, from pre-pregnancy to post-partum, will receive the best treatment and outcome.

Improving patient care and delivering better treatment results drive Abbott Northwestern's culture of innovation. From Abbott Northwestern, research findings and best practices are shared across Allina Health and with care providers around the globe. Recently, input from the OB Critical Care Program team updated Allina Health's resuscitation policy with a procedure for pregnant mothers. The care team authored the first national admission and transfer criteria for this patient population because no standards existed for maternal critical care admission.

>> *continued*





Mother Baby Center™ Obstetric Critical Care Program *(cont.)*

Clinicians have:

- created a Nursing Partnership Model for care coordination between obstetric, neonatal and intensive care nurses
- developed the OB Critical Care algorithm, which provides a visual aid to guide the initial care required for all obstetric patients admitted to critical care
- established processes to facilitate cross-disciplinary collaboration in care management throughout pregnancy, even before hospitalization occurs
- launched online training modules for OB Critical Care continuing education for clinicians.

Advancing Excellence

Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation, with the generous support of the community, is raising funds for the OB Critical Care Program. Your gift will help create innovations in care, strengthen scientific research and the sharing of best practices, advancing excellence well into the future.

Opportunities to support the OB Critical Care Program

Research infrastructure and database: The development of a research infrastructure and database will improve patient care by measuring outcomes and associated risk factors and by enhancing clinical expertise. Real time patient data analyzed from this database will rapidly improve care and save lives. Outcomes and best practices will lead and influence care models around the country.

Clinical simulation: Simulation of low-frequency, high-risk events ensures that all members of the OB Critical Care Program team are always prepared to handle the unexpected, such as a mother who goes into cardiac arrest while delivering her baby. Philanthropy will support the care team in practicing a variety of multidisciplinary cases.

Nursing excellence: The Nursing Partnership Model, which pairs an intensive care nurse and an obstetric nurse, is at the heart of the OB Critical Care Program. The critical care environment is constantly evolving with new therapies, techniques and procedures. Philanthropic support ensures that all nurses on this care team can pursue certifications, attend conferences and engage in professional development.

"I would not have been my child's mother and my family would have lost their daughter without the Abbott Northwestern OB Critical Care Program team." – Grateful patient

To learn more about the OB Critical Care Program and how you can help, please contact the Abbott Northwestern Foundation at 612-863-4126.