

Overview

The Obstetric Emergency Department (OBED) at St. Joseph's Health Hospital offers enhanced emergency care by board-certified OB/GYN providers 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Located on the hospital's Labor and Delivery Unit, this dedicated space is equipped to provide expert care for pregnant women with obstetrical concerns, as well as delivery-related health issues for moms that are several weeks postpartum. Our goal is to quickly evaluate and treat mom and baby while reducing the wait time and anxiety that an expectant mother might experience when visiting the regular emergency department.

Your Care Team

The OBED is staffed by our OB/GYN and private OB/GYN providers, including those that are part of our OB Hospitalist Program. Through our professional partnership with OBHG, our team of maternity professionals have the experience and specialty training to give moms peace of mind that they will receive the expert maternity care they expect.

Improved Safety and Convenience

Patient benefits from an on-site OBED and 24/7 physician coverage include:

- Evaluation and management of pregnancy-related concerns and labor, as well as treatment for postpartum-related issues in the first few weeks after delivery.
- Coordination of care and communication of your condition to your primary OB/GYN provider if they are not at the hospital.
- Comprehensive review of test results and fetal heart rate monitoring.
- Availability of on-site obstetric specialists in early morning or late evening hours when doctor's offices are typically closed.
- Enhanced patient safety and satisfaction with a reduction in emergency room readmissions.

The OBED provides assessment and treatment for the following symptoms:

- Abdominal pain
- Vaginal bleeding
- Decrease in your normal fetal movement

- Concern about pre-term labor
- Ruptured membranes
- Urinary tract or bladder infections
- Conditions related to high-risk pregnancy (such as high blood pressure)
- Postpartum complications such as excessive bleeding

If possible, we recommend you call your OB provider before heading to the hospital. **If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency call 911.** Upon arrival to the St Joseph's Hospital, check in at the Front Desk of the Main Hospital and you will be directed to Labor and Delivery unit.

Frequently Asked Questions

[What if I'm not sure if I'm in early labor or having a real complication?](#)

It is important that you speak with your OB/GYN provider to set up guidelines and protocols for emergencies. That way you will be familiar with certain symptoms that may be a warning sign to seek immediate medical attention. **Remember, if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency call 911.**

[Where do I check in?](#)

You will check in at the Front Desk of the Main Hospital and be directed to the OBED. The OBED providers and staff at the St. Joseph's Health Hospital's Main ED work in close collaboration to coordinate the appropriate place of care. You may be sent directly to the OBED or evaluated in the Main ED depending on your symptoms and condition.

[Where is the OB ED located?](#)

The OBED is located at 301 Prospect Ave, Syracuse, on the fifth floor of the Main Building and can be accessed through the main lobby elevator.

[What should I expect during my visit?](#)

Visits in the OBED typically last two-three hours. You will receive a nursing assessment by one of our highly trained obstetric nurses and then you will be evaluated by one of our board-certified OB/GYN providers. Once the medical screening exam is performed and any testing completed you will then either be admitted to the hospital or discharged home.

How am I billed for an OB ED visit?

Insurance carriers will process any visits to the OBED as an emergency room visit, subject to any co-pays, co-insurance or other applicable fees under your particular health insurance policy. For any questions on coverage, please call the number on the back of your insurance card.