



Thank you for choosing Morton Hospital and Morton Medical Center for your Obstetrical experience, Morton Hospital is committed to providing the best service possible for you and your newborn.

It is the policy both of your Obstetrician and Morton Hospital to deliver low risk pregnancies and refer women who have high risk pregnancies to an appropriate facility to deliver. Your provider will discuss what high risk entails. Usually we have 24 hour surgery coverage, however there may be times we are without that ability and cannot provide c-sections if needed. Due to this fact, you may be referred to another hospital/provider during these times should you go into labor or your doctor feels you may be at risk.

A low risk pregnant client is one whose pregnancy is full term, in general good health with an uncomplicated pregnancy. She has also had regular prenatal care and is fully expected by her obstetrician to have a normal uncomplicated birth. A low risk maternal client has none of the following risks:

1. Previous major uterine wall surgery
2. Previous C-Section for VBAC
3. Obstetrical complications
4. Significant signs or symptoms of anemia
5. Active Herpes Genitalia
6. Placenta Previa
7. Breech presentation in Active Labor
8. Pregnancy induced Hypertension
9. Persistent Polyhydramnios or Persistent Oligohydramnios
10. Abruptio Placenta
11. Chorioamnionitis
12. Multiple Gestation
13. Intrauterine Growth Restriction
14. Substance Abuse
15. Chronic Hypertension
16. Any form of Diabetes Mellitus

During those instances in which our surgeon is not available, methods of anesthesia for relief of labor pain are limited. You and your doctor will need to discuss alternative methods of relief if this arises. Should your pregnancy and labor develop complications your provider may consider transport to a larger facility for more specialized care for you and your newborn.



Rooming in is the standard of practice for Morton Hospital not only to promote bonding of mother and newborn, nursery facilities are not available. Normal newborn care is provided by trained staff that are certified in Neonatal Resuscitation. Newborns requiring more advanced care will be shipped to an appropriate tertiary facility to best provide care for their conditions.

We look forward to caring for you and your newborn during your stay with us!

I have read and understand this notice, and am aware that Morton Hospital does not electively deliver high risk patients. I also understand that during times of no surgery coverage I will be informed and possibly referred to another facility for obstetrical care.

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Patient Signature

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Date/Time

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Provider's Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature