



YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL

Located on the Connecticut shore, **Yale-New Haven Hospital** is a 944-bed tertiary care facility recognized as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by *U.S. News & World Report*. Boasting a longstanding affiliation with Yale University Schools of Nursing and Medicine, an international reputation for leading-edge research and advanced care, and extensive, state-of-the-art facilities, Yale-New Haven Hospital is proud to offer nursing professionals a wide range of choices — from opportunities for the moment to careers for life.

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Yale-New Haven Hospital Labor and Birth Unit

Located on the fourth floor of Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, the Labor and Birth Unit encompasses 11 Labor & Delivery Rooms; 3 Operating/Delivery Suites; a 3-bed recovery room; and a 3-bed Early Labor Lounge which serves as a triage area for women 16 weeks or greater.

Our goal is to provide high tech, high-touch, comprehensive obstetrical care to our patients. 65% of women who deliver here are cared for by community obstetricians, and we also care for women who receive care at the Yale Health Plan, the Yale-New Haven Hospital Women's Center, and the Yale Perinatal Practices. In addition, we serve as a high risk referral center for both mothers and infants, with patients from all areas of Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York receiving care from our Maternal Fetal Medicine and Neonatal physicians.

UNIT OBJECTIVES

- To provide a safe, comfortable environment which recognizes the needs of the childbearing family and supports family-centered care.
- To provide an environment conducive to safe and effective childbirth through the prompt detection of changing maternal-fetal conditions or pregnancy complications.
- To provide an environment that is supportive of the perinatal grieving process.
- To assist women and their families in coping with childbirth and any traumatic situation during illness or hospitalization.
- To provide the highest level of nursing and medical care using a collaborative interdisciplinary approach — recognizing and maintaining the integrity of the family and facilitating their involvement in the decision making process.
- To provide physicians, nurses and other health care professionals in training with formal teaching, practical experience, and progressive responsibility in the care of OB patients.

STAFF PROFILE

- Labor & Birth staff includes a Patient Services Manager, a Clinical Manager, Registered Nurses, Surgical Technicians, Business Associates, and Labor and Birth Associates.
- Our RN staff includes nurses with Diplomas, Associate's Degrees, BSN and MSN Degrees. There is also a range of L&B experience from 1 year to 30+ years. Nurses have achieved all levels of the Clinical Ladder.
- There is an assigned Triage Nurse on each shift, as well as a nurse assigned to the Early Labor Lounge.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS

- Our OB Anesthesia Department, consisting of attending MDs, fellows, resident and nurse anesthetists, provides 24 hour coverage of the Unit. Their services enable the Unit to provide emergent and scheduled C-Sections, post-partum tubal ligations, and provide our patients with peridural anesthesia. They are also an integral part of the care for critically ill patients in labor or delivery.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Our 12-week, preceptor-based internship program guides new staff through the transition to the Unit and the Hospital.
- Experienced RNs on our staff lead many educational and development initiatives, including fetal monitoring classes, fetal strip rounds, neonatal resuscitation programs, mock OB codes, and bereavement programs.
- All nursing staff receive many formal training programs, including the AWHONN fetal monitoring course within their first year here.
- Staff are required to attain National Nursing Certification through NCC within 18 months of employment at YNHH; there is an on-site test center for the exam.
- Our nurses are encouraged to participate in unit-based, Women and Families departmental, and hospital-based committees.
- Nurse staff are supported in the Clinical Ladder Program, as evidenced by the number of staff on the Unit who are CN II, CN III and CN IV level.