



# 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 Maternal Special Care Unit

### Patient Population

The 18-bed Maternal Special Care Unit at Yale-New Haven Hospital provides antepartum high-risk obstetrics services to patients from menarche to menopause (roughly 13-50 years old). Our experienced team – with more than 35% offering 15+ years of experience – provide expert care to patients experiencing:

- PIH
- Diabetes
- Pre-term labor
- Multiple gestation
- Placenta previa
- Premature rupture of membranes
- IUGR
- Fetal complications
- Acute surgical events (e.g., appendectomy, cholecystectomy)
- Exacerbation of chronic medical conditions (e.g. Sickle Cell Disease, SLE, Cardiac Disease)
- Postpartum care to patients requiring more intensive RN:patient ratios, including those requiring magnesium seizure prophylaxis, cardiac telemetry or insulin drip therapy

### Staff Development

Every RN on the Maternal Special Care Unit receives initial training in fetal monitoring as a part of orientation on the floor, and are expected to have completed AWHONN Basic Fetal Monitoring within 9 months of employment. Progression towards Professional Certification in Fetal Monitoring is expected within 18 months of employment. NBR, CPR and EKG interpretation are provided as a part of our extensive orientation. All staff members are expected to cross-train to at least one other specialty service as a part of their professional development.

### Unique Programs

- We plan on implementing a cross-training program to develop staff competencies in all areas of the specialty units: high-risk inpatient, outpatient and L&B
- On-site neonatal resuscitation certification and recertification
- Department-based Patient Safety Initiatives

### Unit-Based Committees

- Breastfeeding Practice Council
- Patient Satisfaction Committee
- Women, Infants and Families Leadership Group
- Department OB Operations Council
- AWHONN Fetal Monitoring Principles and Practice Workshop – held on-site annually