



Congratulations and Thank You for choosing OB-GYN associates.

Our goal is to provide you and your unborn baby with quality care in a caring environment and to make our patient – provider relationship a pleasant experience.

Communication is essential for all involved. As with any pregnancy, complications may arise. Please keep us informed of any concerns you may have. During office hours- 8 Am to 5 PM- calls will go to the OB Assistant assigned to calls on that day. After 5 PM, all pregnancy related calls will go to the Nurse Midwife. Should you not receive a call back within 15 min, please place a second call. Limit these calls to situations that can not wait until regular office hours. If you are having an emergency, call 911. Please remember that we only deliver at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital. This means that our providers DO NOT have privileges at other hospitals, including other Wellstar facilities, therefore can not care for you. Prior to 20 weeks of pregnancy, any problem requiring a visit to Kennestone will be seen in the emergency room. After the completion of your 19th week, you will be sent to the triage unit, in Labor and Delivery, on the 3rd floor of the Women's Center.

If a call is urgent, but not emergent, inform the front desk of this when leaving your message. These calls will be taken first. Please be respectful of the term "ASAP." You can expect a routine call to be returned to you within an hour.

As with any obstetrical practice, unexpected delays may occur. If the provider you are scheduled to see must leave the office, we may ask you to see someone else in order to decrease your wait time.

Families

Pregnancy is an exciting time and we welcome family participation. At every visit you will be called to the lab station for a urine, weight, and blood pressure. At intervals, we will also obtain a blood sample with a finger stick for a blood count. In order to protect your privacy, the privacy of other patients, and in compliance with HIPPA law, please ask your family members not to stand in this area. The lab staff will direct them to the appropriate waiting area. Please remember that this is a medical facility and not all patients are well. We ask that your children are monitored.

Our providers: Include 6 physicians and 4 midwives.

Dr. GB Espy
Dr. Terry Kelley
Dr. Kimberly Huffman
Dr. Kevin Windom
Dr. Mary Chappell
Dr. Bobby Tackitt

To learn more about these physicians you may log onto our website
www.obgynassociatesmarietta.com

We also have four certified nurse midwives. We ask that you rotate providers to enable you to meet each of them. We have a physician and a midwife available for deliveries every day. Upon the admission to Labor and Delivery, the option will be given to you.

Please read the additional information to learn more about our midwives.

Pregnancy

Sonograms are usually done at 18 to 20 weeks. One may be done earlier if medically indicated. Another sonogram may be done close to your due date.

Labs

Lab work will be ordered on your first visit. These need to be drawn as soon as possible. This panel includes a HIV test which is now mandatory prior to delivery. This is for the protection of you and your baby. A majority of babies can be reversed if treated immediately after delivery. Also on your first visit we will do a pap smear and obtain cultures to test for STD's. We also reserve the right to do urine drug screening as indicated.

Delivery

We deliver at Kennestone Hospital. We encourage you to schedule a tour. Please read the book they have provided for you; it contains very valuable information.

At the time of delivery, the hospital does restrict the number of people attending the delivery to two plus the father of the baby. This is not a policy we can change. This allows adequate room for emergency equipment and staff, should it be needed. If a C/Section is indicated, only one person will be allowed in the operating room.

Remember to choose a pediatrician to care for your baby. The hospital will notify this physician after delivery. Please submit your pre-registration paperwork at least four weeks prior to your due date.

Obtaining Cord Blood is a personal and important decision. We have website links available to provide you with the additional information needed to decide if this right for you. OB-GYN Associates has decided to remain neutral regarding the company you may use.