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OB coverage at hospital - informational note for patients

Dear Patient,

Again, congratulations on your pregnancy.

Due to changes in the way hospitals manage Obstetrics, and to some extent the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, I wanted to remind you of how the Obstetric coverage occurs at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Good Samaritan, like the majority of hospitals in the state, has moved to a Laborist coverage for the Labor Room. This means there is a dedicated obstetrician, hired by the hospital, who is available at the hospital to take care of the Labor Room 24/7. That doctor is assigned to laboring patients, and emergency gynecology patients, and is available on site at all times. Although there's an obvious loss of the personal touch and familiarity, it is balanced by the increase in safety and attention, which a dedicated Laborist brings to the management of obstetrics patients.

The previous model involved doctors often coming in and out of the hospital to take care of their own respective patients, when possible. With these changes, it is unlikely that I will be your delivering physician unless you are having a booked Caesarean section.

The Laborist is also available for emergency situations and outreach calls. However, please be aware that any real emergency cannot be managed by a phone call, and if you are at all concerned or worried about your situation, you should go directly to the hospital to be evaluated:

- If pregnant and after 20 weeks, go directly to the Labor Room, fifth floor.
- If pregnant under 20 weeks, or have a gynecologic issue, go directly to the emergency room.

For non-emergent situation that can wait, feel free to email myself or call the office during working hours. The staff or I will return the message within two to three days.

As usual, feel free to ask any questions or raise any concerns you might have.

Best,

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