

## **Congratulations on your upcoming baby!**

This is such a special time in your life and we feel privileged that you have chosen to share this experience with us. This packet contains important information regarding pregnancy care. Please take time to read through the material and make a list of questions to bring to your next visit.

Our practice consists of three full-time midwives who work regularly in the offices: Jessica Agius is in the Farmington Hills office Monday and the Livonia office on Wednesday and Thursday; Mary Gadbow Davis is in the Livonia office Monday and Tuesday and the Farmington Hills office on Thursday; Trish Scane is in the Farmington Hills office Tuesday and Wednesday and the Livonia office on Friday. In addition to the office schedule, we divide on-call time between the three of us. We encourage patients to schedule several visits with each midwife. This allows you to create a relationship with each midwife individually, as the midwife on-call when you go into labor will be the midwife to attend the birth of your baby.

We work with a group of five physicians who would be included in your care should anything become high-risk during your pregnancy or labor and birth. On the rare occasion that a midwife can not attend your birth, it is possible that one of our physician colleagues would be there. We prefer that you to meet one of the physicians during your prenatal care to make yourself familiar with them. We attend births at Providence Hospital in the traditional Labor and Delivery unit as well as the Alternative Birthing Center (ABC). Many women choose to give birth in the ABC, which provides a more natural approach to labor and birth. Talk to your midwife if you are interested in this option. As midwives, we are your care provider throughout your stay in the hospital and are committed to being at the hospital when you are in active labor. Prior to active labor, resident physicians and nurses will be a vital part of your care team and will assess your status and update the midwife on-call about your progress and status. In addition, we feel it is important for you to be involved in the decisions that surround your birth experience, therefore birth plans are welcome.

Occasionally, we mentor nurse practitioner or midwifery students as we believe in supporting advanced practice nursing education. We will always be closely supervising any students with us. We hope to have your support, however, student involvement in your care is purely optional.

Between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30 pm, feel free to call the office with questions and concerns. After office hours and on weekends, if you have a question or concern that cannot wait until the office is open or you think you may be in labor, please call the answering service telephone number, 248-691-8656. The midwife on-call will return your call.

We hope this letter helps you to understand our scheduling and answers many questions you may have about our practice. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or anything else in relation to your care with our practice, please speak with your midwife at your next visit. As your care providers, we feel that it is important that we work with you as a team to provide good health care in a supportive environment.

Thank you for your trust, support and understanding.

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