

Your Childbirth Experience at Banner–University Medical Center Phoenix

The physicians and staff at Maricopa Obstetrics and Gynecology Associates, the central Phoenix branch of Arizona OB/GYN Affiliates, have given careful thought to our selection of Banner–University Medical Center Phoenix as the exclusive site for delivering our patients' babies. Some of our patients have questions about why we have chosen BUMCP, when other hospitals may be located closer to our practice offices. We would like to share our insight with you.

Banner–University Medical Center Phoenix is the new name of Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center which has boasted an excellent obstetrics program for many years. The Womens' and Infants Service and Department of OB/GYN has not changed with the new designation, and is widely acknowledged for its clinical excellence, having been named to US News & World Report's list of the best U.S. hospitals for over 10 years, including special recognition for the Obstetrics and Gynecology programs. The hospital also boasts a Magnet designation for nursing excellence, an elite honor given to only 250 hospitals out of 6,000 nationwide.

BUMCP manages one of the nation's foremost medical education programs. The physicians, nurses and other frontline health care personnel are on the leading edge of today's obstetrical and gynecologic research and advancements. We are working to train the doctors of tomorrow. Our own Dr. Michael Urig is Center Chief of the OB/GYN Department at the hospital, and Dr. Staci Mayer is the Director of Foundational Learning for the Department. Dr. Laura Mercer is the Medical Student Director and Dr. Brock Jackson is Chair of the OB/GYN Committee for the OB/GYN Department at BUMCP. All of our physicians completed their residency training at BUMCP and are core faculty at BUMCP and the University of Arizona College of Medicine–Phoenix.

BUMCP is also internationally-renowned for its care of high-risk pregnancies. Women from across the nation (and around the world) who are pregnant with high-order multiples or who have abnormal placentas come to BUMCP for their antepartum care, seeking the expertise of leaders in the obstetrics field. BUMCP serves as a statewide referral center for pregnancy complications, so women in other communities throughout Arizona who face challenges during their pregnancies are often sent to BUMCP for specialized care. The hospital houses Banner's Maternal-Fetal Center which offers highly-specialized ultrasound and other specialized obstetrical procedures.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Other Services

Perhaps most important to our medical team at Maricopa Obstetrics and Gynecology Associates, BUMCP has a state-of-the-art Neonatal Intensive Care Unit next to Labor and Delivery. The NICU is one of the nation's largest and was completely renovated in summer 2007. While we don't expect significant complications with most labor and delivery processes, the added comfort of having a nationally-acclaimed Level 3 NICU down the hall from Labor and Delivery gives our doctors and patients a tremendous sense of security.

A dedicated obstetrical anesthesia team is available on the Labor and Delivery unit at all times. This not only provides assistance for our patients during their labor and delivery, but also allows our physicians to safely offer and support vaginal births after cesareans (VBACs).

Free Wi-Fi access and all private L&D rooms with a personal en-suite bathroom make the laboring process more comfortable.

As one of the largest and most comprehensive hospitals in the state, BUMCP has been providing care to Arizonans for nearly 100 years. It is centrally located near downtown Phoenix, with convenient access from the Interstate 10 freeway. From most locations throughout the Valley of the Sun, it is a quick 20 minute drive to the hospital's private Labor and Delivery entrance.

Should you wish to speak directly to one of our patients about her childbirth experience at Banner—University Medical Center Phoenix, or talk further with our staff about our relationship with the hospital, please let your physician know and we will be happy to answer your questions.