

Pre-Delivery Conference Information

Call our OB unit any time if you have questions or concerns at 608-930-7139. We are here 24/7 for you. If you are coming in person, please let us know you are coming in advance so we can prepare for your arrival.

Induction: It is recommended that elective inductions take place after 40 weeks of gestation. Elective inductions will not be done prior to 39 weeks of gestation. Any inductions done prior to 39 weeks will only be done if medically indicated by the provider. If an induction is scheduled, there is a possibility that it may have to be moved to a different date or time. Your doctor or our staff will contact you if your induction must be rescheduled.

During your baby's stay, we will perform several important tests to ensure they are healthy.

These tests include:

- Hearing screen (after 6 hours old);
- CCHD Test (test baby's oxygen after 24 hours old);
- Newborn screening (genetic screening-blood test after 24 hours old); and,
- Biliruben level testing (jaundice- yellowing of the skin, after the baby is 24-36 hours old)

Birth Certificate Information

If you are not married but would like the father's name on the birth certificate, you will need to fill out a paternity affidavit form. We can do this at the hospital. We will need both the mother and the father's picture ID and we will require a notary to sign the document. We will collect the money via check (preferable) or cash and we will mail the completed affidavit in for you.

Car Seat

If your baby is under 37 weeks or less than 2500 grams, we will need to perform a car seat challenge to make sure your baby is medically safe to drive home. Bring the car seat in the night before discharge to perform this test.

Prior to baby's arrival:

- Read your car seat instruction manual for use and installation information.
- Read your vehicle owners' manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system.
- Send in the warranty card so you stay informed of any recalls.
- Check the expiration date on the seat. Look under the seat, the date is imprinted on the plastic.
Most car seats are good for 6 years after the manufacture date.
- Replace car seats that have been in any type of accident.
- Follow the age and weight requirements for each type of car seat.

For further information about child passenger safety seats or if you would like to have your car seat checked by a certified car seat technician, please see the resources below:

- Family Resource Center of Iowa County at 608-935-7300 or partnerwithparents@gmail.com
- You can also visit the Safe Kids Wisconsin website, www.safekids.org, to look up car seat checks and events in your area.

Please have your car seat base installed prior to discharge using your car seat and vehicle manuals to install properly. We will have you bring your car seat up to your room prior to discharge so we can make sure that it has not expired and that the baby is properly placed in the car seat. A Birth Center staff member will also walk out with you to make sure that the car seat is secured in the car. Parents or caregivers have sole responsibility on making sure their car seat is installed properly. Our Birth Center staff are not liable for a car seat that is not properly installed.