

## Message to the Communities We Serve



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As part of an ongoing commitment to establish a Center of Excellence in Women's and Infants' Care, West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS) is planning to transition Allegheny General Hospital's inpatient obstetrical and newborn services to The Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Within the next several months, Allegheny General Hospital's labor and delivery, postpartum, newborn nursery and intensive care nursery services will be relocated to West Penn Hospital. AGH will continue to provide obstetrical and gynecological care at its current outpatient practice locations throughout the region.

Located less than four miles from AGH in Pittsburgh's charming Bloomfield neighborhood, West Penn Hospital is the region's second largest provider of maternity services. West Penn's inpatient obstetrical unit was recently expanded and now includes 40 antepartum and postpartum rooms and 15 birthing suites that offer the latest technology in a comfortable, home-like setting.

West Penn's Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is also one of the region's largest. The 40-bed unit provides the highest level of intensive care to more than 500 critically ill infants each year, and with the merger of services, is committed to serving an even greater number of premature infants and their families. The Hospital's Infant Apnea Center, the first of its kind in southwestern Pennsylvania, provides services for babies and young children at risk for life-threatening events.

Our Center of Excellence in Women's and Infants' Care will continue to offer outstanding Perinatal Services; a comprehensive Reproductive Genetics Program providing diagnostic testing and genetic counseling; an excellent Developmental Follow-Up Clinic; a Lactation Center to assist breastfeeding mothers; and a wide array of childbirth education classes. Advanced infertility diagnoses and treatments will also continue to be provided at West Penn through our affiliation with the world-renowned Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine.

I want to assure women and their families in the communities we serve that West Penn Allegheny Health System provides the highest level of quality, family-centered care and compassion. If you have any questions about the transition of AGH inpatient obstetric and neonatal services to West Penn, please call **412-DOCTORS (362-8677)**.