

## Thank you for choosing Tanner NICU care

Our patient care team knows that having a baby in the NICU can be stressful for both mothers and their families.

We appreciate your patience as we strive to deliver the highest quality care for each patient in our unit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your baby's nurse or the attending physician. We are here to address your concerns and help you find the information you need.

Thank you for being part of our care community.



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## NICU Services at Tanner Medical Center/Carrollton

Caring for our  
community's  
tiniest patients



## Care for our community's most fragile newborns

Deliveries ought to be happy occasions, and with neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) services available at Tanner Medical Center/Carrollton, care is available close to home for the community's most fragile newborns.

At the Sally and John Francis Tanner Neonatal ICU, we provide an advanced level of care that gives our tiniest patients their best chance at a healthy life.

Designated a Level III NICU, our unit provides a host of services, including:

- ▶ Neonatal incubators, which maintain optimal environmental conditions for newborns, featuring sophisticated climate control and isolation protection from infections
- ▶ Feeding tubes, designed to provide newborns with nutrition support with minimal — if any — discomfort
- ▶ IV lines, used to ensure the safe delivery of fluids and medications as necessary
- ▶ Monitoring equipment to keep close tabs on the baby's vital signs, body temperature and other important metrics
- ▶ Phototherapy, using light for the treatment of jaundice
- ▶ Respiratory services, including surfactant therapy, ventilators and positive-airway support

## Who needs NICU care?

Our NICU was designed to provide care for west Georgia and east Alabama's most fragile patients, including:

- ▶ Babies born before 35 weeks of gestation
- ▶ Babies born with a critical illness
- ▶ Multiple births
- ▶ Babies who require respiratory support
- ▶ Babies born at low birth weight

## Parenting in the NICU

Despite all the attention your baby is receiving around the clock from the patient care team in the NICU, your newborn will need you as well. This remains an important time for bonding, and our team will support you through these difficult first days as a family.

We encourage you to hold, touch, read and sing to your baby as much as possible. Ask questions and make sure you fully understand your newborn's unique care plan, since you're a partner in their care as well.

And by all means, take care of yourself, too. We know you want to spend every waking minute you can with your newborn, and your baby's patient care team will support you in doing that. However, it's okay to take a moment for yourself. You're recovering from delivery, too.

At Tanner Medical Center/Carrollton, you can take a stroll on the daylight walking trails on the hospital grounds, grab a treat at Bistro '49 or Tanner Café on the ground floor of the hospital, sit in the serenity garden outside the ICU, take in a Harmony for Healing performance in the John H. Burson III, MD, Atrium, meditate and pray in the Claudette Hayes, MD, Memorial Chapel on the first floor or just stroll around the hospital and admire the art from some of the area's most revered artists.

## Visiting the NICU

The NICU at Tanner Medical Center/Carrollton is located within the maternity center on the second floor. It also supports patients from Tanner Medical Center/Villa Rica.

For safety and privacy, visitation is limited to two approved visitors at the bedside at a time, and a photo ID is required for entry. Please note there is no visitation during quiet hours (6:30 - 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.).

## When visiting:

Please wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or use a liberal amount of hand sanitizer from the dispenser outside the unit. Remember, the newborns on the unit have compromised immune systems and are extremely susceptible to infection.

Visitors must be free of infection and illness. Any visitor who feels unwell or who has experienced a cough, fever, runny nose, skin rash, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea within the past 48 hours should not visit the unit.

Babies on the unit often have very sensitive or underdeveloped respiratory systems; please be mindful of using strong perfumes or colognes and lingering smells such as tobacco smoke that may be on your clothing.

Patient care and safety are our top priorities. Our nursing staff may ask visitors to step away from the unit momentarily to allow them to exchange vital information on the infant's condition with their parents. Please work with us to ensure our staff is delivering uncompromising care.