



Offering remarkable emergency obstetrical care

Obstetrical emergency department is open 24/7

Your obstetrician, midwife or primary care provider (PCP) should be your first call if you have a concern about your medical or obstetrical needs. However, in an emergency, you can count on the Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center obstetrical (OB) emergency department.

What is an OB emergency department?

The OB emergency department is a dedicated unit within Forsyth Medical Center for women who are 14+ weeks pregnant. The unit is specially equipped to quickly and safely manage any emergency problem with your pregnancy, such as pain, vomiting, dehydration or bleeding.

Will I see my doctor in the OB emergency department?

Forsyth Medical Center has board-certified ob-gyns, maternal-fetal medicine specialists and specially trained obstetrical nurses who are available day and night to care for you. This team will communicate with your obstetrician, midwife or PCP, and keep him or her updated on your care.

What can I expect in the OB emergency department?

Our goal is to safely discharge you back to your home and to the care of your provider. If you are in need of additional care during your visit, we can:

1. Admit you to labor and delivery and notify your obstetrician, midwife or PCP that you are in labor.
2. Admit you to our high-risk maternity center for further evaluation.

Where do I find the OB emergency department?

The OB emergency department is located on the fourth floor of Forsyth Medical Center. You will enter the hospital and follow these directions:

1. Enter at door B.
2. The greeter at the information desk will direct you to the labor and delivery waiting room on first floor.
3. The security officer will check in you and your support partner and provide access to the fourth floor. Note, access to the fourth floor is restricted to guests with proper ID.
4. On the fourth floor, exit the elevator and turn right. The OB emergency department is the first door on the left.
5. Check in at the OB emergency department front desk.

What does my family need to know?

If someone drives you to the hospital, the driver can park in our parking deck next to the hospital. In an emergency, your driver can leave the car at the curb at door B. Once you are safely admitted to the OB emergency department, your driver will need to move the car to the parking deck.

While in the OB emergency department, you may have one support person with you at all times. All other visitors are asked to wait in the first floor waiting room.

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What can I expect while in the OB emergency department?

All patients will be assessed upon arrival by an obstetrical nurse. Depending on the severity of your condition, we will escort you to an exam room or ask you to remain in the waiting area until a room becomes available. Patients are called back based on their assessment and medical status, not the order in which they arrive.

If you have concerns or your condition changes, let the greeter know as soon as possible so that the obstetrical nurses can be notified.

What do I need to bring?

We will take care of your needs while you are with us. You can also fill out the information below and bring it with you to help speed up your check-in.

Full name: _____
(Nombre completo)

Date of birth: _____
(Fecha de nacimiento)

Social Security number: _____
(Numero de Seguro Social)

Due date: _____
(Fecha de parto)

Chief complaint: _____
(Motivo principal de su visita)

Doctor or clinic: _____
(Doctor o clinica)

