

Family Birthplace & Caring for Women Frequently Asked Questions

Q: With the Family Birthplace closing, will Caring for Women (CFW) close as well?

- **NO.** Caring for Women is still here for you.
- Caring for Women has always strived to meet the varying health needs of the women in our community and will continue to do so. Our community is aging, and while we've seen a marked decline in the need for labor and delivery services, we expect an increased demand in other areas of women's health.
- LRGHealthcare will continue to invest in and prioritize women's services, including Primary Care for Women; Menopause Consultation & Care; Incontinence Care & Treatment; Digital Mammography; Ultrasound & Non-stress Tests; Bone Density Testing; Counseling for Women; and Women's Health Education.

Q: Can I still get prenatal care at Caring for Women?

- **YES.** Caring for Women will continue to provide prenatal and postnatal services locally. While Caring for Women providers will no longer deliver babies at LRGH, they will continue to provide a majority of pregnancy related services in Laconia and Franklin including blood work, ultrasounds, prenatal appointments, prenatal education, postnatal care, lactation services, and more. The only change is that after May 30, 2018, deliveries will take place at Concord Hospital.

Q: Where will pregnant women in our community go to deliver their babies?

- After May 30, 2018, we expect many deliveries will take place at Concord Hospital. Caring for Women will, however work with you to finalize your birthing plan should you choose or need to deliver elsewhere, such as Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center or Speare Memorial Hospital.
- We are coordinating labor and delivery services with Concord Hospital for a seamless transition of care for all our pregnant patients, and both the LRGH and Franklin Regional Hospital Emergency Departments are prepared in the event of an emergency delivery.
- It is also important to note that Caring for Women's new obstetrician coming in the fall will deliver babies at Concord Hospital as an integral part of their coverage schedule. New obstetricians in the future will do the same.

Q: What does this mean for Pediatric care in our community?

- Similar to Caring for Women, LRGHealthcare will continue to prioritize and invest in our Pediatrics practices including Caring for Kids in Belmont and Westside Pediatrics in Franklin.
- In addition, we have a number of primary care practices, which focus on family health for patients of all ages.

For questions, please don't hesitate to call Caring for Women at 603.527.1855.