

Obstetrics Referral

What is an obstetrician?

Obstetricians are physicians who provide care for people during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and postpartum. They also provide care during high-risk pregnancies and perform surgical procedures like c-sections. Some family practice physicians provide obstetric care and will also care your newborn after delivery.

Obstetricians may:

- Screen mothers for complications during pregnancy
- Monitor the health of mom and baby during pregnancy, labor, and delivery, and after birth
- Track the growth of baby during pregnancy
- Attend and assist in the delivery of your baby
- Provide care to mother after birth

Why involve obstetricians during pregnancy and postpartum?

- Obstetricians can monitor the health of mom and baby through pregnancy, attend your delivery, and treat health concerns as needed.
- Obstetricians provide education about many pregnancy-related topics. Visit [here](#) for educational resources.
- Obstetricians screen for mental health concerns during pregnancy and postpartum. They may begin treatment for these concerns and often refer mothers for mental health counseling.

Referral Information and Additional Resources

References

<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/22303-obstetrician>

