

Dedicated care for our littlest patients

At Mercy Women & Infants' Center we are dedicated to delivering the highest level of care to moms and their babies. As part of our dedication, we have neonatologists (a pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns) available 24 hours a day.

The neonatologists at Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines are employed by an outside physician group – Pediatrix Medical Group of Iowa. Pediatrix Medical Group is a national medical group comprised of the nation's leading providers of neonatal, maternal-fetal and pediatric physician subspecialty services.

NOTE: *If your child is seen by a neonatologist, you will be billed separately by Pediatrix for care*

Commonly asked questions and answers regarding neonatologists

When is a neonatologist present at delivery?

- During all cesarean section deliveries.
- If your baby passes meconium (stool that is a thick, green tar-like substance) before delivery.
- If your baby delivers at 35 weeks or less.
- If your baby has an abnormal heart rate during delivery.
- If there is a need for a mechanically assisted delivery.
- Concerns of infection in the mother.
- Other high-risk delivery situations in which your provider feels it is necessary.

What contact will families have with a neonatologist?

Each birth and baby are unique, therefore contact with a neonatologist will vary. If a situation warrants the presence of a neonatologist, families may meet them before or after delivery. If a baby requires specialized care or treatment, a neonatologist will discuss the infant's condition and treatment plan following the delivery.

If you have any questions regarding the care of you or your baby, please do not hesitate to ask our staff at any time. We are here to help and provide you and your baby the best care possible.

Who can I contact if I would like more information on Pediatrix Medical Group of Iowa?

Depending on the level of care your infant needs, you may receive a packet from your doctor or nurse with specific contact information and will be contacted by a Pediatrix Medical Group associate.



For general information

on Pediatrix Medical Group,
please visit, www.pediatrix.com.

Meet the neonatologists at Mercy



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