



# BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

| Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology |

## Obstetrical Care Disclosure Statement

The Brigham and Women's Hospital is a Harvard affiliated teaching hospital with approximately 7576 births annually. We are one of five, Level 3 (more specialized care) Massachusetts hospitals which serve as referral centers.

Our obstetrical care encompasses the full range of obstetrics from birthing room to critical care obstetrical management. Despite the availability of these high risk resources, large portions of our patients seek and experience normal obstetrical care services.

Massachusetts' legislation has been amended to require disclosure to maternity patients of certain hospital statistics. These statistics are included in the following table and reflect care provided for our maternity patients between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013. Because of the proportionately larger number of high-risk patients cared for at Brigham and Women's, these statistics may differ significantly from those hospitals that admit few or no high-risk patients. In fact, patients are transferred to us for prenatal care or even in labor from other hospitals without high-risk services.

Women who are thinking about becoming pregnant or who are already pregnant, should consult their physicians or nurse-midwives regarding their risk factors. There are a number of different conditions which affect one's risk category. For example, women with diabetes, hypertension, heart or kidney disease may be in a high-risk category. Some patients in a high-risk category may best be delivered by cesarean birth, thus a higher cesarean rate. In addition, some types of prior uterine surgery, the baby in breech presentation or events which occur during labor, such as fetal distress or failure to make progress, also may be reasons an individual physician decides a cesarean birth is necessary.

Please review these statistics and discuss them with your physician. Also, please feel free to contact our Admissions Office (617) 732-7453 or the Parent/Childbirth Education Office at (617) 732-4081 if you have any additional questions. Our goal is to make your stay a positive experience.



## Maternity Statistics

Fiscal Year 2012

<b>Total Number of Deliveries</b>	7,576
<b>Deliveries:</b>	
In Labor/Birth/Recovery rooms	66%
By Certified Nurse-Midwives	19%
<b>Monitoring of labor:</b>	
By continuous external electronic fetal monitor	91%
By continuous internal electronic fetal monitor	0%
Both externally and internally	6%
<b>Labors/deliveries that used the following procedures:</b>	
Intravenous	93%
Induction of labor	18%
Augmentation of labor	29%
Forceps-assisted	1%
Vacuum-assisted	5%
Episiotomies	4%
Epidural anesthesia	59%
Spinal anesthesia	19%
General anesthesia	1%
<b>Women breastfeeding upon discharge</b>	93%
<b>Average Age of All Mothers</b>	31.5
<b>Average Length of Stay of All Mothers</b>	
With Cesarean Sections	5.09
With Vaginal Deliveries	2.68
<b>NICU Level in Hospital:</b>	III
<b>Website Address of Hospital:</b>	<a href="http://brighamandwomens.org">brighamandwomens.org</a>