

## Support services

We'll help you navigate every challenge and offer the following resources and support services.

### Social work

We have a dedicated social worker to help families locate resources and support services at Geisinger Medical Center or near home. At delivery and in the NICU, the care management team, which includes registered nurses and social workers, can help families cope with their baby's hospitalization and any special circumstances.

### Lactation services

Our lactation specialists and breast feeding resource nurses help parents-to-be learn about pumping and breast feeding. Advanced electric pumps are available to patients in the Childbirth Center and NICU. A lactation specialist will review initiating milk production via pumping. They can also help you obtain a breast pump to use at home or the Ronald McDonald House.

Human milk is best, so we offer a donor milk program for at-risk babies.

### Perinatal palliative care

When families learn that a baby is not likely to survive, they may wish to meet our perinatal palliative care team. Families may also choose to include our Child Life staff for sibling support or our pastoral care staff to support all family members from any denomination.

### Overnight accommodations

Families who have a baby admitted to the Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital NICU are invited to stay at the Ronald McDonald House on the Geisinger Medical Center campus. A nightly fee is requested, but no one's turned away. Day passes are also available. Many local hotels and motels also offer parents and families discounted rates.



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# Center for Prenatal Pediatrics

A care team dedicated  
to you and your baby



The Center for Prenatal Pediatrics team is here to help you understand your baby's condition and treatment options. We provide comprehensive, family-centered care from the day diagnostic testing begins to your baby's birth and beyond. You are the center of the care team.



## How the center works

The referral process starts with an evaluation by our maternal fetal medicine (MFM) team. If they have a medical concern for your baby, they'll refer you to the Center for Prenatal Pediatrics for ongoing support and coordination of care for your baby. The nurse navigator for Prenatal Pediatrics and your care team will map out a plan for your prenatal care, your delivery and your baby's care.

We may schedule a multidisciplinary conference prior to your delivery, so you can meet the team who'll care for your baby. They'll explain test and scan results, answer your questions and explore treatment options.

The multidisciplinary conference will include providers from:

- Maternal fetal medicine
- Neonatology
- Newborn nursery
- Genetic counselor
- Pediatric sub-specialists

Pediatric sub-specialties available include:

- Cardiology
- Surgery
- Nephrology
- Urology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedics
- Plastic surgery
- Palliative care

## Conditions we treat

We evaluate and treat a wide range of conditions before and after birth, including:

- Abdominal wall defects
- Lung/chest lesions
- Cleft lip/palate
- Congenital heart anomalies
- Stomach/intestine anomalies
- Genital/urinary defects
- Brain/spine anomalies
- Skeletal anomalies
- Terminal conditions
- Twins/multiples
- Genetic conditions



## Diagnostic testing

Accurate diagnosis is essential to planning and treatment, so we'll perform tests throughout your pregnancy to establish or confirm the suspected condition. Tests may include:

- Ultrasounds
- Fetal MRI
- Fetal echocardiogram
- Amniocentesis
- Chorionic villus sampling (CVS)
- Fetal blood sampling
- Microarray analysis

## Delivery

We all want to the best outcome for your baby. Their medical condition and other factors will determine whether you can deliver at your hospital of choice or the Childbirth Center at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, which offers:

- Services from our specialized team of obstetricians, anesthesiologists, certified nurse-midwives and obstetric nurses
- Comfortable space for patients and families
- Immediate proximity to Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital NICU