

TRANSCRIPT OF MEDIA CLIPS- OSF St. Joseph Medical Center launches OB emergency department for faster care

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Most pregnant women will still enter the hospital through traditional channels, including the emergency department, but staff will quickly determine whether they should be treated in the OB ED.

"They will receive education from their providers offices, but they can also just present to the hospital like they have before," says Salyards. "When they present to the ER, then the ER and the OB teams will collaborate to determine the best location for treatment for those patients." (:16)

The main goal of the OB ED is reducing delays and stress for expectant mothers experiencing complications or urgent concerns.

Salyards explains, "It's ensuring that our moms have access to care when they need it, as soon as they need it right here." (:10)

A key change is the addition of an in-house obstetrics provider available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"The provider being in house 24/7 allows that immediate triage by an OB trained provider and then also allows that provider to be in house to provide whatever treatment is necessary for those moms." (:18)