

How OSF leads the way in care for the smallest patients (Broadcast)

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WHEN FACED WITH ONE OF LIFE'S MOST CHALLENGING MOMENTS – BEING ADMITTED INTO THE NICU – FAMILIES NEED THE MOST-EQUIPPED MEDICAL TEAM TO TAKE CARE OF THE LITTLEST OF BABIES.

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NEARLY 800 BABIES ARE ADMITTED TO THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND OSF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL EVERY YEAR. THE HOSPITAL RECEIVES FAMILIES FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA... AS WELL AS UP TO MORE THAN AN HOUR AWAY. MANY FAMILIES IN THESE AREAS LIVE IN WHAT'S REFERRED TO AS A HEALTH CARE "DESERT." ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO LABOR AND DELIVERY SERVICES.

DR. JAWAD JAVED – THE DIVISION HEAD AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF NEONATOLOGY WITH OSF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL... SAYS BEING ADMITTED TO THE NICU IS A TERRIFYING THING. THE NICU IN PEORIA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A LEVEL FOUR BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS... THE HIGHEST DESIGNATION A HOSPITAL CAN RECEIVE.

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"Essentially, a Level 4 NICU provides full, comprehensive medical and surgical care and services that an infant would need. We provide ECMO (**extracorporeal membrane oxygenation**), we provide cardiac care, cardiac surgery care, general surgical care, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics..." Dr. Javed says. "In addition to that, we provide the broad spectrum of pediatric subspecialties."

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DR. JAVED SAYS THE FIRST HOUR OF LIFE IS SO CRITICAL FOR THE BABY'S ENTIRE LIFE... SO HAVING THE RIGHT TEAM IN PLACE IS CRUCIAL. WHILE THE OSF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IS IN PEORIA... OSF MISSION PARTNERS ARE TRAINED... STAFFED AND READY AT HOSPITALS ACROSS THE OSF MINISTRY.