

OSF HealthCare expanding women's health care in Urbana, Forsyth and Lincoln

OSF HealthCare is building services through collaboration with Advanced Women's Healthcare to increase access to high-demand care in these communities

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(February 6, 2024 | Urbana, Illinois) — Women in the Champaign-Urbana, Decatur-Forsyth and Lincoln areas will soon have increased access to obstetrics care through a new collaboration on select services between OSF HealthCare and Advanced Women's Healthcare in Bloomington.

At OSF HealthCare Heart of Mary Medical Center in Urbana, a team of OB/GYNs and certified nurse midwives from Advanced Women's Healthcare will see patients for well-woman, prenatal and postpartum care at the medical office building on the OSF Heart of Mary campus (1405 W. Park St.). This is in addition to the existing team at the clinic, including nurse midwife Kelli Daugherty, APRN, who sees patients in Urbana and Danville.

Dele Ogunleye, MD, obstetrician and gynecologist, and Brittany King, APRN, will see patients initially, with three other certified nurse midwives (Lindsay Bustle, CNM, Laura Muehling, CNM, and Lilly Ott, CNM) joining the team in the coming weeks.

Clinics with Advanced Women's Healthcare providers and OSF Mission Partners (employees) will also serve patients in Forsyth (845 US Route 51), with an expected opening in February, and in Lincoln (602 Woodlawn Road), with an expected opening in April.

"This new select service offering is in alignment with OSF's long-standing tradition of helping women access high-quality, compassionate clinical care where they need it," said Jennifer Ulrich, interim president of OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington. "Our relationship and all services offered in our hospitals and clinics align with our OSF Mission, Values and our ethical commitments as a Catholic health care ministry and ensure holistic and caring obstetrics care for all women in the area communities."

Services at OSF Medical Group – Obstetrics & Gynecology will include typical care offerings at OSF HealthCare locations, such as well-woman visits, prenatal and postpartum care, pelvic floor disorder treatments and general gynecologic care.

"We continue to see a shortage of obstetricians and gynecologists across the nation. This model of midwife care is an answer, allowing for a superior patient experience with more time for each woman," said Dr. Ogunleye. "We are pleased to collaborate with OSF to expand this service." The expanded clinic serving the Champaign-Urbana area is expected to begin February 12. Hours will be Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"OSF HealthCare remains committed to women's health," said J.T. Barnhart, president of OSF Heart of Mary. "We know mothers want quick answers about their care, and this new collaboration allows well-educated midwives to form trusted relationships with the women they serve."

People interested in an appointment can call:

Urbana: 217-337-2010 Forsyth: 217-443-5697

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Pronunciations for broadcast media:

Urbana: urr-BAN-ah Decatur: dee-KAY-turr Forsyth: FORE-sighth Daugherty: DOOR-tee

Dele Ogunleye: DELL-ee // OH-gun-lee

Muehling: MEW-ling Ulrich: UL-rick

Abbreviations:

OB/GYN: obstetrician/gynecologist

APRN: advanced practice registered nurse

MD: doctor of medicine

CNM: certified nurse midwife