

BROADCAST- High-Tech 'Victoria' prepares OSF for birth emergencies

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Medical providers with OSF HealthCare are training for rare childbirth emergencies — inside a mobile pregnancy and postpartum van, using a life-like birthing simulator.

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The OSF OnCall mobile OB unit serves a dozen Illinois communities, many considered maternity care deserts where there are no hospitals offering obstetric care. While deliveries inside the van are unlikely, OSF leaders say it's important to be prepared.

That training includes a new high-tech birthing simulator named Victoria. The lifelike manikin (spelled that way in medical circles) can recreate everything from routine deliveries to serious emergencies such as postpartum hemorrhage.

Jake Wilson is a simulation specialist at OSF's Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center in Peoria.

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"We can do normal vaginal deliveries. We can do C-sections. She has an ultrasound belly. She has a maternal hemorrhage feature. She even has a belly that can simulate a baby being the wrong direction and they can manipulate the baby to turn it around. She has a ton of features that have been a big help to us." (:22)

OSF leaders say realistic simulations like this help teams react faster and deliver safer care when seconds matter.