

## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q.** When will my baby come home?  
**A.** Most babies below 33 weeks come home a few weeks before their due date, if there are no major complications. Babies must be able to gain weight on full bottle/breast feedings and maintain their temperature in an open crib.
- Q.** Will the hospital contact my insurance company when my baby is born?  
**A.** It is up the parent/caregiver to contact the insurance company within 30 days of the baby's birth.
- Q.** If I can't find a pediatrician, can I bring my baby back here for a follow-up visit?  
**A.** The neonatologists take care of hospitalized babies only.
- Q.** Who will be my child's pediatrician?  
**A.** The parent/caregiver is responsible for choosing a pediatrician. Contact the Hospital Social Worker for assistance.
- Q.** How do I get into the Ronald McDonald House?  
**A.** The Hospital Social Worker can give you the contact information.
- Q.** Where can I get my baby's birth certificate and Social Security card?  
**A.** Someone from Birth Records will contact you to fill out the necessary forms.

## Important Numbers

### University Hospital

CCN (Level II Care) .....	205 934-6822
Discharge Planning Nurse .....	205 975-5126
Hospital Business Office .....	205 934-6400
Lactation Consultant .....	205 975-8334
Neonatology Billing Office.....	205 934-4948
Newborn Nursery .....	205 934-6120
Patient Representatives.....	205 934-2273
Pastoral Care .....	205 934-4254
RNICU (Level III Care).....	205 934-7310
Social Worker.....	205 934-4737

### Children's Health System

Children's NICU 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor.....	205 939-9480
Children's NICU – 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor.....	205 939-5470
Discharge Planning Nurse .....	205 939-6198
Lactation Consultant .....	205 939-6600
Operator.....	205 939-9100
Pastoral Care .....	205 939-9090
Patient Representatives.....	205 939-9191
Special Care Nursery.....	205 939-9484
Social Worker.....	205 939-5790

### Our Hospitals

Cooper Green (NICU) .....	205 930-3575
BHS Princeton (NICU) .....	205 783-3260
BHS Shelby (NICU) .....	205 620-7054
St. Vincent's East (NICU) .....	205 838-3600
Trinity Medical Center (NICU).....	205 592-1451
UAB West (NICU) .....	205 502-6555
Neonatology Billing Office.....	205 996-2246

### Miscellaneous

Disability Determination Service....	800-292-6743
Ronald McDonald House.....	205 933-0693
Town House.....	205 975-8820

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# Division of Neonatology



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## A Little About UAB Neonatology

Neonatologist - a physician who specializes in the study of, care of, and treatment of sick and premature infants.

Neonate – infant from birth to four weeks of age.



The Regional Newborn Intensive Care Unit (RNICU) at University Hospital is the oldest and largest newborn ICU in the State. Because of strong clinical research ties, many cutting edge therapies are available in the RNICU before they are introduced elsewhere.

The RNICU at UAB is a 120 bed Level III nursery and the primary referral nursery for maternal-fetal patients, critically ill neonates, and sick infants with congenital heart disease. The Division accepts referrals of neonates with any illness including genetic, cardiac, and surgical problems from the state, the nation, and from overseas.

The Newborn ICU at The Children's Hospital of Alabama is available for babies with surgical problems or complex, multi system congenital disorders. The University of Alabama at Birmingham is one of the top medical centers in the U.S. The Department of Pediatrics in one the best pediatric research centers in the U.S.

## Health Care Providers

In addition to your baby's Neonatologist, other health care professionals will assist in your baby's care. They include:

- *Neonatal Nurse Practitioners* – specially trained physician “extenders” who have extensive experience caring for sick infants.
- *Neonatology Fellows* – physicians who are board certified/board eligible pediatricians who are in subspecialty training to become Neonatologists.
- *Pediatric Residents* – physicians who have finished medical school and are in specialty training to become pediatricians.

## RNICU/CCN Visitation

The RNICU and CCN Nurseries are open to visitors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, unless otherwise posted.

- Parents and grandparents are welcome to visit when the Unit is open.
- Siblings and other visitors may visit only when accompanied by a parent.
- Phone information is given to the parents.

## Our Hospitals

The UAB Division of Neonatology covers the Neonatal Intensive Care Units in the following hospitals:

University Hospital  
Children's Health System  
Cooper Green Hospital  
Baptist Health System – Shelby  
Baptist Health System – Princeton  
St. Vincent's East  
Trinity Medical Center  
UAB Medical West

## Our Neonatologists

The UAB Division of Neonatology has thirteen fulltime, board-certified/ board-eligible neonatologists and one pediatrician.

Wally A. Carlo, M.D.  
Director, Professor of Pediatrics

Namasivayam Ambalavanan, M.D.  
Associate Director, Professor of Pediatrics

Carl H. Coghill, III, M.D.  
Professor of Pediatrics

Reed A. Dimmitt, M.D., M.S.P.H.  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

George El Ferzli, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Virginia A. Karle, M.D.  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Rees E. Oliver, M.D.  
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Joseph B. Phillips, III, M.D.  
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David A. Randolph, M.D., Ph.D.  
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Brian Sims, M.D., Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Thomas D. Soltau, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Elaine B. St. John, M.D.  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Rune Toms, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Kathryn B. Buchan, M.D.  
Pediatrician