

Fetal Center

The Fetal Center at Le Bonheur Children's focuses on patients who have been referred from their primary obstetrician due to a situation involving the health and well-being of the fetus. The center is unique in its access to a complete array of pediatric sub-specialists and a dedicated team.

Patients most commonly referred to the center include:

- Babies who have a congenital anomaly
- Fetal complications that have been identified by the primary obstetrician

The Fetal Center brings together multiple pediatric sub-specialists along with maternal-fetal medicine specialists to determine diagnosis and course of treatment both before and after the birth. As part of the program, mother see sub-specialists prior to the baby's birth in order to develop a clear plan of care for both mother and baby.

Congenital Anomaly Conference

Each patient will meet with our dedicated staff and pediatric sub-specialists. This team works with the family to develop a comprehensive plan of care once the baby is delivered. Each Wednesday, pediatric sub-specialists of many backgrounds meet to discuss the plan of care for the baby. These congenital anomaly conferences are open for referring physicians to hear patient cases being discussed.

The consulting team includes:

- Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialists
- Neonatologists
- Pediatric Cardiologists
- Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgeons
- Pediatric General Surgeons
- Pediatric Neurosurgeons
- Pediatric Orthopedists
- Pediatric Otolaryngologists
- Pediatric Palliative Care Specialists
- Pediatric Radiologists
- Pediatric Urologists
- Plastic Surgeons
- Ultrasonographer
- Genetic Counselor
- Nurse Coordinator
- Lactation Consultants
- Spiritual Care Representative
- Social Worker

Procedures that can be handled by the Fetal Center team, in conjunction with a range of pediatric subspecialists, include:

- Amniocentesis
- Amniopatch for Iatrogenic PPROM
- Amniotic Band Syndrome intervention
- Chorionic Villus Sampling
- EXIT procedures
- Fetoscopy
- Laser for Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome
- Placement of shunts
- Pleurocentesis
- PUBS
- Treatment for TRAP
- Vesico-centesis

Maternal Fetal Medicine

To facilitate physician referrals, call:
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