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Lee Health Expanded OB Services and Renovated Patient Rooms to Open Next Week
Last deliveries at Gulf Coast Medical Center Slated for Feb. 26

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Feb. 20, 2019) --- In October, Lee Health [announced an expansion of obstetrical services and new and renovated OB rooms at HealthPark Medical Center](#). As part of this expansion, the health system is reminding patients and providers of important dates to keep in mind when their baby is ready to be delivered:

- The last day for patients to come to Gulf Coast Medical Center for delivery is Feb. 26
- Patients who go into labor after Feb. 26 should go to HealthPark Medical Center
- Patients delivering at Gulf Coast and needing to stay after March 1 will be transferred to HealthPark
- The OB service line at Gulf Coast will fully transfer to HealthPark on March 1
- Patients planning to deliver at Cape Coral Hospital are unaffected

“This move completes a large-scale renovation project aimed at expanding the OB service line while also creating a more comfortable experience for expectant families. The unit’s proximity to Golisano Children’s Hospital provides convenient access to the area’s only Level II and Level III neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) for high-risk pregnancies, and moving these beds to HealthPark allows us to best meet the needs of our Southwest Florida community,” said Susan Ryckman, RN, MS, Vice President of Patient Care Services, Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida.

The health system will now feature 107 OB beds, and all of the newly renovated rooms at HPMC will be fully private with family sleep capabilities. In addition to adding more beds, this move helps meet several other goals of Lee Health’s OB service line. The renovated delivery rooms are located near the unit’s operating suites should they be needed, and the OB Emergency Department and OB triage located in HealthPark’s emergency department is being expanded from three to seven beds, with a completion date of July 1, 2019.

For more information about Lee Health’s OB service line, visit our website at:
<http://www.leehealth.org/obstetrics-gynecology/index.asp>.

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.