



Level-III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Pregnancy is usually a time of excitement and anticipation. Will you welcome a boy or a girl? How big will your baby be? But sometimes babies arrive early or develop an illness after they're born. If your newborn needs advanced medical care, Boone Family Birthplace's level III neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) – and our physicians, nurses and staff – are here for your family.

Our 21-bed NICU provides expert, compassionate care for infants in a state-of-the-art facility. Our specially trained neonatal intensive care nurses teach parents about their premature or ill babies' unique needs. Parents are encouraged to participate in their infant's care, including holding their baby with Kangaroo Care and reading to their baby with the Books for Babies program. The NICU is located next to the Postpartum Suite, so parents can visit their baby as often as they like, day or night.

If Mom chooses to breastfeed, our lactation consultants work closely with her to make breastfeeding a successful experience. Donor human milk is also available for our NICU babies. Three board-certified neonatologist physicians oversee the care of the infants and 24/7 coverage is provided by neonatal nurse practitioners.

Since opening in 1996, the NICU at Boone Family Birthplace has treated over 6,000 babies. You can rest assured that if your baby has any problems, Boone Health's caring, experienced staff is ready to help. It's another good reason to choose Boone to deliver your baby!

Our Level-III NICU provides:

- Comprehensive care for infants with early gestational ages, low birth weights and critical illness
- Sustained life support
- A full range of respiratory support including conventional or high-frequency ventilation and inhaled nitric oxide
- Comprehensive support by occupational, physical and speech therapists
- Advanced imaging, with interpretation on an urgent basis, including computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), electroencephalogram (EEG), echocardiography and ultrasonography
- Opportunities for Mom and baby to room in together
- Prompt access to a full range of pediatric medical specialists
- Continued support for your baby after discharge with developmental and cardiology clinics