

# Children's and Childbirth Program

Dear prospective parents,

Thank you for choosing to seek care for your newborn child at Waterloo Regional Health Network (WRHN) in Kitchener-Waterloo. We aim to provide a **world class level of care** for your newborn including services such as:

- Pediatric and NICU nurse Attendance at High-Risk Deliveries to provide life-saving interventions
- Pediatric Consultation for all Neonatal Issues
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Admission for unwell newborns
- Medically indicated follow up of common neonatal issues, not limited to:
  - o Prematurity
  - o Jaundice
  - o Low Blood Sugar
- Pediatric medical assessments for unwell newborns and infants with neonatal issues requiring admission (infection, jaundice, failure to thrive).
- Routine post-natal care, counselling, and examination

Our team of pediatricians, newborn core doctors, and associated support team members will ensure the highest quality of care for your infant.

To ensure we can provide this care to you and your growing family in unfortunate times of need, **we will request payment**, which can be made in the form of cash, credit, or electronic transfer (Interac).

Out of respect for the frightening experience of giving birth to a baby requiring emergency pediatric care, our group of pediatricians has elected **NOT** to collect a deposit from you while you are actively in labour. You will receive a separate invoice from each provider taking care of your child after provision of that care, based on the intensity of the required care. For non-urgent care, payment is required before service delivery. Fees are outlined in the attached **physician's fee schedule**.

These fees are, in general, a maximum, and may be lower depending on the time of day of your child's birth, and the providing physician's discretion. The purpose of this fee schedule is to make you aware of potential costs.

A typical newborn admission to NICU can be more than \$3000 CAD for physician services (and more for hospital fees, which are billed separately).

These fees are as recommended by the Ontario Medical Association and are set to ensure the sustainability of our Children's Program so that we may continue to provide high quality care.

You will receive separate fees for hospital stays and obstetrical/anesthetic care and may have already paid for these in the form of other deposits. Those deposits are NOT applicable to the care of your child.

Sincerely,

#### Waterloo Regional Health Network's (WRHN) Pediatricians

Dr. Carolyn Hutzal (Chief of Pediatrics)	Dr. Cara MacRae
Dr. Rebekah Baumann	Dr. Jessica Norris
Dr. Lisa Brown	Dr. Matthew Purser
Dr. Vivian Corner	Dr. Jodi Rosner
Dr. Cecile Davey	Dr. Tangu Sichilima
Dr. Mallory Fox	Dr. Tasha Stoltz
Dr. Kendra Komsa	Dr. Ian Wilson
Dr. Martha Linkletter	Dr. Claire Young
Dr. Jason McConnery	



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#### Fee\* Schedule 2025

No Taxes Applicable on Fees

	MAX* FEE / SERVICE
NICU Admission on Respiratory Support Day 1	\$2800 CAD
Day 2+	\$600 CAD
NICU Admission for IV Therapy Day 1	\$1800 CAD
Day 2+	\$400 CAD
NICU Admission for Monitoring Day 1	\$1500 CAD
Day 2+	\$250 CAD
Pediatric Consultation and/or Attendance at Delivery	\$1000 CAD
Pediatric Assessment (e.g. On Call Issues or Medical Follow Up)	\$600 CAD
Pre-Natal (Pre-Birth) Consultation with Mother for Neonatal Concerns	\$600 CAD
Routine Core Newborn Visits (provided by Family Doctors) Day 1	\$250 CAD
Day 2+	\$125 CAD

\*Quoted Fees are a *Maximum* and may be less pending certain factors such as time of day the service is provided (more at night, less during the day), acuity of care, and the physician's discretion.

### PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY CASH, CREDIT, OR INTERAC E-TRANSFER AT PHYSICIAN'S DISCRETION, WITH CONSIDERATION TO PAYOR PREFERENCE