



WOODLAND HEIGHTS MEDICAL CENTER

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Woodland Heights Partnership Brings Specialized Services to Lufkin

LUFKIN, TEXAS (February 3, 2009)...After 10 months of partnering with Houston Perinatal Associates (HPA), Woodland Heights Medical Center is proud of its association and the ability to offer the care of Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) specialists to the community. The specialists are associated with Houston's acclaimed The Woman's Hospital of Texas (TWHT), which is dedicated exclusively to the care of women and infants. The perinatal services being offered include, but are not limited to:

- Ultrasound monitoring of high risk pregnancy
- Screening pregnancy for genetic abnormalities
- Consult and co-management with the referring OB/GYN physician of medical complications of the pregnancy

Cathy Busbee, Chief Nursing Officer of Woodland Heights, is pleased with the partnership and the addition of services to Lufkin and the surrounding counties.

"Working with our local OB/GYN Physicians, Woodland Heights continues to develop the Women's Services department. This offering of advanced specialized care is a huge benefit for the women of East Texas."

The HPA physicians specializing in Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) are obstetricians/gynecologists who have completed three years of additional education and training in the complications pregnant women could encounter. The mission of HPA is to

bring specialized treatment to patients with maternal-fetal complications during pregnancy. Four of the six physicians specialize in MFM, while two physicians have specialties in Infectious Disease. These specialists are excited with establishing a close and productive relationship with the Lufkin community and the local OB/GYN physicians.

Tuesday, February 3, the Omniflight transport team will be on-site at Woodland Heights with the helicopter used for critical transports. The transport team consists of a critical care nurse and critical care paramedic along with the pilot. The helicopter cabin is an intensive care like setting.

The HPA Lufkin Clinic is located at The Diagnostic Center at Woodland Heights at 125 Gaslight Medical Parkway. The MFM specialists will be at the clinic the first Tuesday of every month from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Appointments can be made at The Diagnostic Center by calling (936) 637-8514.

About Woodland Heights Medical Center

Established in 1918, Woodland Heights Medical Center was Lufkin's first hospital. Now, nine decades later, Woodland Heights is recognized throughout Deep East Texas as the leading provider of high quality, innovative health care services. Accommodating a wide range of clinical specialties, Woodland Heights has achieved excellence in key medical and surgical areas including cardiology, pulmonology, neurology, orthopedic surgery, physical medicine/rehabilitation, vascular surgery and obstetrics and gynecology. Woodland Heights also offers a full range of outpatient diagnostic services including advanced imaging, laboratory, outpatient surgery and emergency services. Through its Rehabilitation Center, Woodland Heights offers cardiac rehabilitation, stroke recovery and physical and occupational rehabilitation. Combining modern facilities, leading technology, an exceptional staff and a commitment to the communities it serves, Woodland Heights Medical Center remains at the forefront of quality health care in Deep East Texas.