

Congratulations and Welcome from the Highland Hospital Newborn Provider Team!

Our team is thrilled you have chosen Highland to care for you and your new baby. We understand that each mother is different, each family unique, and each baby remarkable. Our goal is to provide quality, compassionate care through childbirth and your hospital stay.

Prior to your baby's birth, you can discuss with your obstetric provider your wishes for the first few hours after the birth of your baby, including placing your baby skin-to-skin immediately after delivery if possible and early initiation of breast feeding.

New York State requires that every baby receives an intramuscular injection of Vitamin K to prevent bleeding in the newborn period and erythromycin eye ointment to prevent eye infections that may be acquired at the time of birth.

We recommend that your baby receives a birth dose of Hepatitis B vaccine and will give you information to help you decide about the timing of this immunization.

Your baby will be examined within the first 24 hours either by your baby's doctor or by one of our pediatric providers if your baby's doctor does not come to Highland to see newborns. Your questions about your baby will be answered and we will provide information about how best to care for your baby. If you choose to breastfeed your baby, a lactation consultant will be available to help you. If your baby needs close monitoring or additional care for any reason, we will care for your baby in our Special Care Nursery.

We will help you arrange for follow-up care for your baby after discharge from Highland. Our team will communicate closely with your baby's doctor so that appropriate monitoring of problems identified during the hospitalization and any additional laboratory studies are arranged.

Thank you for letting us share in the care of your baby!

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