



**Fact Sheet for: MATERNAL/INFANT UNIT**

Current as of 7/21/06

**Focus of unit:** Family-centered couplet care of postpartum women and well newborns. There is strong emphasis on patient education, supporting breastfeeding and providing good pain management. An Admissions Nursery provides initial assessment and stabilization of newborns. Lactation consultations are available to assist breastfeeding mothers. Staff participates actively in unit governance through our Interactive Planning Board. Come join our experienced, innovative and committed team!

**RN to patient ratio for each shift:** **Day** 1:3-4 couplets    **Evening** 1:3-4 couplets  
**Night** 1:4-5 couplets

**Tech to patient ratio:** One tech per shift usually assigned to the Admission Nursery to assist with baths, vital signs, baby care and administers hearing screens. May also float to various duties to assist with postpartum care.

**Average # of patients per day:** 60-75 total moms and babies.

**Number of beds in unit:** 39    **Average length of stay:** 36 hours for vaginal deliveries/  
3 days for C-Section

**Special equipment used in the department:** Hearing Screening on all babies.

**Patients admitted to the unit from:** L&D, NICU.

**Medical conditions of patients in the unit:** Postpartum and Well Nursery.

**Resources available in unit during a crisis:** Lab/Respiratory/L&D/Clinical Nurse  
Specialist/NICU/Code Blue Team/Anesthesiology/Pharmacy/Security/Chaplains.

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**Unit uses:** Omnicell and SureMed

**Baylors are used?** Yes

**RNs are required to work** every 2<sup>nd</sup> to every 4<sup>th</sup> weekend (at present every 4<sup>th</sup> weekend)

**RNs in the unit cover A/B plan with set schedule - holidays per year.**

**Uniforms required:** Royal Blue scrubs for RNs and Ceil Blue for Techs. (Associate purchases.)

**Orientation to the unit lasts 3-12 weeks,** depending upon prior experience.

**Orientation to the unit occurs on days shift.** Majority

**Other comments specific to the unit:**

Prior mother and/or baby experience preferred.

Accepts new graduates, interns, externs and re-entry nurses.