

From small beginnings, come great things

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Special Care Nursery



Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

At Henry Ford St. John Hospital, we understand that the first moments after birth are critical—especially for infants who are seriously ill or born prematurely. For more than 40 years, our 35-bed private Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) has been a trusted leader in the care of critically ill and premature newborns.

Our NICU provides specialized care for high-risk full-term infants, very low birth weight preemies, and babies requiring surgery. As the only Level III NICU on Detroit's east side, we are committed to staying at the forefront of neonatal medicine, offering advanced technology, evidence-based treatments, and a compassionate, family-centered environment.

Our NICU care team includes board-certified neonatologists, neonatal nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physician residents, case managers, social workers, lactation consultants, nutritionists, and health unit coordinators. Nurses attend all high-risk deliveries and work closely with the interdisciplinary team to develop and implement short- and long-term care plans tailored to each neonate's unique needs.

Our NICU also manages external transports, bringing critically ill newborns from other hospitals to receive advanced care. On-site, we offer a full range of pediatric subspecialties, advanced imaging services (including CT, MRI, and echocardiography with rapid interpretation), and access to pediatric surgical specialists capable of performing major procedures.

Special Care Nursery (SCN)

Adjacent to our Birthing Center and NICU, the Special Care Nursery (SCN) is an 8-bed acute care unit designed for newborns who require medical support but not intensive care. The SCN team cares for infants born at 34 weeks gestation or later who may experience conditions such as mild respiratory issues, infections, pneumonia, jaundice (hyperbilirubinemia), mild prematurity, or neonatal abstinence syndrome.

The SCN provides a safe and supportive environment focused on stabilization, healing, and family involvement, allowing infants to receive expert care while remaining close to their families during recovery.

Our comprehensive NICU services include:

- A newly renovated, state-of-the-art unit designed to support a Patient and Family Centered Care model
- Overnight accommodations for parents
- Reduced light and sound for optimal healing
- Baby-Friendly designation supporting breastfeeding and bonding
- Lactation and breastfeeding support services
- Therapeutic hypothermia and nitric oxide protocols
- Infant CPR training for families
- Membership in the Vermont Oxford Network quality improvement collaborative
- Dedicated transport and referral center for critical care transfers
- Emphasis on patient safety initiatives
- Developmental care and kangaroo care practices
- Compassionate consultation and bereavement support

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