

Choosing a Pediatrician

You will need to select a pediatrician for your baby sometime during the last trimester of your pregnancy. We will include the physician of your choice on your prenatal records that are sent to the hospital in anticipation of delivery so that the nursing staff can notify the pediatrician you choose upon delivery of your baby. The pediatrician will come to evaluate the baby and also be the one responsible for discharging the baby from the hospital. If you choose a pediatrician that is not on staff at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, SMH does have a group of pediatric hospitalists who can provide this service for you.

We recommend if you do not already have a relationship with a pediatrician to schedule an appointment to meet with them prior to delivery . This will allow you to ask any questions you may have about the care of you baby both in the hospital and what to expect those first precious weeks.



SMH Physician referral line at 941-917-7777

Lakewood Ranch Medical Center Physician referral line 941-708-8100

Manatee Memorial Physician referral line 941-708-8100