

POLICY FOR OBSTETRICAL SERVICE AT UAMS

Trustee Miller presented a recommendation from the Committee for approval of a policy regarding the obstetrical program at the University Hospital. He reported that for a long time there has been discussion about the patient safety and educational problems attendant to the large obstetrical program.

A summary statement on this matter was developed by the Chief of Obstetrics and endorsed by the University Hospital Medical Board.

After discussion, the following Resolution moved by Trustee Miller and seconded by Dr. Kemp was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS,  
THAT:

The Board of Trustees concurs with the following policy developed by the Chief-Of-Obstetrics and endorsed by the University Hospital Medical Board:

"The number of patients presenting themselves to the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Campus Obstetrical Service far surpasses the capacity of the physical facilities, nursing services and support services. In the interest of patient's safety and improved educational programs, it is requested that an institutional policy be established that allows pre-registration of approximately 150 new patients each month for prenatal care, delivery and post-partum services. An additional fifty patients per month would be accepted if transfer had received prior approval from the senior resident or a staff physician on the obstetric service. Authority for making this determination is vested in the Chief Resident of Obstetrics."

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