

Welcome to Dr. Nancy A. Magsino's Obstetric Practice!

We are very honored that you have chosen Dr. Nancy A. Magsino to care for you and your baby in this special time in your life. Our goal is to provide you and your baby with the best possible care. There are a few things that we would like you to know in order to prepare you for your first obstetric visit. This is to give you information about our fees, policies and office procedures.

Obstetrical Fees:

Our obstetrical fee for those without private insurances is \$3,000.00.00 for Normal Vaginal Delivery and \$3,600.00 for Cesarean Section Delivery. Obstetrical fees include initial OB visit, one medically indicated ultrasound, all the routine prenatal laboratories excluding the labs that are reflexed from these routine labs, routine obstetrical visits in the office, delivery and post-partum visits and a choice of a gender scan at 16-18 weeks or a 10 minute 3D/4D session at 28-32 weeks. Other services such as first trimester screening, amniocentesis, medications or injections, fetal monitoring, prenatal classes, nutritional counseling are going to be billed separately. Visits unrelated to pregnancy such as sinusitis, urinary tract infection and the likes are not part of this obstetrical fee, therefore, you may be charged an office visit.

For patients with insurance coverage, we will verify your insurance coverage, and we will calculate the amount you will owe which must be paid by the 30th week of pregnancy. Payments are expected each time you visit the office until this OB deposit is paid in full. The OB deposit will include all the routine prenatal care, delivery and postpartum visits. The initial OB visit, the laboratories, ultrasounds, screening for fetal anomalies, medications, injections, fetal monitoring and all visits unrelated to pregnancy will be billed separately. In order to verify your insurance coverage, please provide us with all your information and notify us immediately of any changes in your insurance during your pregnancy. Please remember that insurance is considered a method of reimbursing the doctor and is not a substitute for payment. The agreement of the insurance company to pay your medical care is a contract between you and your insurance company. We will allow 60 days for your insurance company to pay. After that time, you will be asked to pay any unpaid balance in full.

For those who have no insurance coverage and therefore are going to be paying out of pocket, we are expecting the professional fee to be paid by the 30th week of your pregnancy.

Prenatal care/Office visits/Phone calls/Delivery:

Since Dr. Nancy Magsino is a solo practitioner, she will be the only doctor that you will see in the clinic for your prenatal care and delivery during the week. She particularly chose to take care of her patients this way in order to keep this very important event in a woman's life as personal as possible. Dr. Magsino will be available to you to answer all your questions and concerns during your prenatal visits. Should you have any questions that come up after the visit, she and her medical assistants are going to be available to answer questions during office hours. Dr. Magsino is available to answer only emergency calls after office hours. Phone calls after office hours that result in treatment might generate a cost. So please be discreet about these phone calls. We have reference materials available for your review in our website to answer most of the frequently asked questions during pregnancy, post-partum and breastfeeding. Dr. Magsino has collected all these information for the benefit of all her patients. For emergencies like bleeding, labor pains, your bag of water breaking, fever, and decrease fetal movement, please do not hesitate to call. Dr. Magsino will be available at your service 24 hours/day. You can also call Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Emergency room and Labor and Delivery directly at 281-725-5300 or at Methodist Sugar Land Hospital Labor and Delivery at 281-274-7080. If for any unexpected reason you cannot do so, please call 911.

Dr. Magsino will try to deliver all her patients herself during the week, however, she will share weekend, holidays and time-off calls with other female OB/GYN who also deliver at Memorial Hermann Sugar Land and Methodist Hospital Sugar Land. These doctors were carefully and mutually selected after a search to assure the same medical competency, responsibility and affability that you are used to in her practice.

We strive hard to be on time for your scheduled appointments, but since Dr. Magsino may be called away unexpectedly or be required to deal with an emergent situation, there may be times when you may be asked to wait. We will do our best to notify you of the delay, but we rarely have a notice of when these circumstances will arise. When it is your time to deliver, Dr. Magsino will be there for you, so we ask for your patience and understanding if this should occasionally occur. Please bring a book or hobby to your appointments in case there is an unexpected delay. Dr. Magsino carefully chooses the number of patients that she can safely take care of by herself so these circumstances will not be evident all the time. Dr. Magsino will deliver at Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital and Methodist Sugar Land Hospital. If you want to deliver at other facilities where she has privileges, this can be arranged personally with Dr. Magsino.

Patients are expected to pre-register for the delivery of their baby preferably by the 7th month to bypass paperwork at the time of delivery. Please go to the business office at the hospital or register online at www.memorialhermann.org or www.methodisthealth.com. You can sign up for tours of labor and delivery by calling 713-222-CARE for Memorial Hermann Sugar Land and/or go online to each particular hospital's website. Childbirth, parenting, breastfeeding classes are offered at both hospitals. To avail of these classes, just sign up on line.

We will provide you with your Prenatal Records at around the 34 weeks of your pregnancy. Make sure you bring the copy with you during your prenatal visits as well as when you go to the hospital for any reason.

We will provide you with a list of pediatricians. This list is available in the Welcome Package that we give our patients during first prenatal visit. Please choose the pediatrician for the care of your baby. We recommend that you start calling their offices once you have reached your third trimester. Remember to check with your insurance to see if your choice is on your insurance. You can contact them ahead of time just to be sure that they are going to be able to take care of your newborn.

Thank you very much for choosing Dr. Nancy Magsino and we look forward to helping you through a happy healthy pregnancy!

Best Wishes,

Dr. Nancy A. Magsino and Staff