Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

The Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine presently includes six board certified maternal-fetal specialists. They are: Kimberly K. Leslie, MD (Department Head), Stephen K. Hunter, MD, PhD., (Division Director), Jennifer R. Niebyl, MD, Asha Rijhsinghani, MD, Kristi Borowski, MD, and Mark Santillan, MD. Dr. Roger A. Williamson, double boarded in Genetics and Obstetrics, is also an Emeritus member of the Division. Dr. Borowski is board certified in clinical genetics.

Several hundred of the deliveries resulted from maternal transports. Roughly 70% of the patients delivered at the University of Iowa have clear cut medical, surgical, or obstetrical complications of pregnancy. There are almost 500 antepartum admissions per year. If demographic factors such as marital status, age, and socioeconomic status are included in the definition of high risk, at least 80% of the population is easily classified as high risk. The patients are cared for in a series of clinics.

The High Risk Obstetric Clinic meets three days a week. Many insulin dependent and gestationally diabetic women receive care through the High Risk Service annually. In addition, there is a representative sample of nearly all other complications of pregnancy.

Genetic care in the state is regionalized, and when indicated, the patient is referred to the University. The section of Obstetrical Genetics consists

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The division is approved for one maternal-fetal medicine fellow each year and a combined MFM-clinical genetics fellow every other year. Only 10 programs have such combined programs nationwide.

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