

# Local Delivery is Always Available Here at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital!

We deliver babies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with pain control always an available option. Women's health care is an important service at Strathroy Hospital.

Let me introduce you to Dr. Niharika Chandra, a graduate of McGill University Medical School who recently completed her residency in London. Dr. Chandra wanted to be involved with women's health since she was a young girl; by way of politics, social work or medicine. She decided on medicine, and attended McGill University Medical School, where she was ranked through the matching program and completed her residency in London. Strathroy Hospital was appealing to her because of the focus it offers on women's health issues and in particular the services of obstetrics and gynecology. "Most of my colleagues wanted to specialize in high-risk pregnancies or non-invasive surgery, but I wanted to do everything," Dr. Chandra said. "That's why I came to SMGH, because I love being part of a smaller community and wanted to continue to grow the OB/GYN program."



(left to right) - Our OB/GYN Team: Kathy Baker RN, Carley Hulley RPN and Dr. Niharika Chandra MD, FRCS(C).

Family doctors have referred all of Dr. Chandra's patients, but walk-in clinics can also make these referrals.

"Our care at SMGH is very comprehensive," Dr. Chandra said. "Patients often don't realize that we offer c-section and epidural coverage, 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

**As you know, the Ontario Government does not provide funding to hospitals for the purchase of new equipment.** Because of valued donors like you, we have been able to purchase much-needed equipment in the past, such as an infant incubator, an infant-care warmer and a jaundice meter which our new OB/GYN team now use.

**Together, we need to ensure that SMGH continues to provide the highest level of patient care.**

## OB/GYN Operating Room Equipment

In order to continue the investment in the hospital's birthing and women's health services, over \$100,000 worth of top-priority obstetrics and gynecology equipment is needed. **Here are some of the most critical items:**

### Yellofins Stirrup - Cost \$17,000

Yellofins Stirrups are a positioning apparatus used in OB/GYN, Urology and General Surgery. The operating room team uses this device to position the patient safely during their surgery which adds to patient comfort and safety.



### Birthing Room Ceiling Lighting - Cost \$6,400

The lights and arms are designed to provide doctors and nurses with the ultimate solution in compact, cost effective birthing room illumination. It's state-of-the-art, surgical quality illumination that sets the standard for birthing room lights with unsurpassed shadow control and illumination.

### Laparoscopic Instruments and Tray - Cost \$60,000

Trays hold up to 10 instruments that surgeons require for their specialties. Key hole or minimally invasive surgery is a part of most surgeon's practices today - from general surgery to OB/GYN. The hospital recently purchased 3D equipment which helps improve depth of perception for the surgeon. With the arrival of Dr. Chandra these, new instruments and trays are used for her gynecology surgeries.



**Why not help us to ensure "local delivery" remains an option for our families by making a donation today.**

**I hope that you will make a gift to SMGH Foundation to ensure we are able to fund vital obstetrics and gynecology services right here in our community.**

Sincerely,

Susan McLean, CEO, SMGH Foundation

Janet Grantham, Board Chair, SMGH Foundation

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