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*A tradition of compassion*

Level III Neonatal
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Department

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# Level III Neonatal Intensive Care

Neonatal Intensive*Care* at Stormont-Vail Health*Care*, Topeka's only Level III NIC, was founded on a tradition of compassionate, expert care for critical babies in 1985. The unit's breakthrough wheel-shaped design offers the staff unparalleled opportunities to meet the special needs of our tiniest patients and their families with a unique blend of tenderness and technology.

The unit offers 27 spacious private rooms, specially designed to accommodate the latest in neonatal care equipment used today and in the future. From a central nursing station, all babies can be monitored and cared for in individually quiet, light-controlled, private environments that enhance the little one's ability to thrive.

When the department was redesigned in 2005, particular attention was invested in meeting the needs of families and facilitating their involvement in the care and growth of their babies. Stormont-Vail Neonatal Intensive*Care* is designed to offer families privacy, comfortable in-room visiting space and personal storage areas. Overnight space is available for parents to stay in preparation to care for their baby at home. A separate family entrance in each patient area allows for families to come and go without feeling "in the way."

The unit is staffed with four neonatologists, four neonatal nurse practitioners, and three social workers along with a dedicated, experienced nursing staff.

Referring physicians are a key part of our treatment team with whom communication is vital. Regular updates are sent to referring physicians to keep them informed of their patient's progress.

Specialized training ...

***ensures the safe transport of high-risk and acutely ill newborns.***

## Transport Services

### Maternal Transport

LIFE STAR Air Ambulance Service provides transport of the high-risk mother to Stormont-Vail's antepartum care or labor and delivery. LIFE STAR crew members have participated in advanced education provided by Stormont-Vail's perinatologist in assessing, stabilizing and providing care during transport of the high-risk maternal patient. The Medevac Ambulance crew provides care of the high-risk mother in the event the LIFE STAR crew is unavailable.

### Neonatal Transport

The Neonatal Intensive*Care* transport team transports high-risk and acutely ill newborns to Stormont-Vail Health*Care*. The highly trained flight-transport nurses are NIC staff registered nurses with specialized training in stabilization and transport of the high-risk neonate. Flight-transport nurses work in consultation with the neonatologists. A neonatologist may also be part of the transport team if the severity of the infant's status warrants his or her expertise.

### Transport Contacts

NIC Transport: **1-800-SV2-NICU**

High-risk OB Transport: **1-800-SV2-OB4U**

## Parent Services

Stormont-Vail not only believes in caring for the neonate, but for the family as well. Various parent support services are provided, including:

- Extensive, flexible visiting hours for families
- Sleep rooms for families of critical patients
- Sleep rooms for families to stay with their infant overnight prior to going home
- Access to the Ronald McDonald House
- Grief and loss support
- NICU Family Support Program®

Even after discharge, the Neonatal Intensive*Care* staff offers support for parents through follow-up clinics for infants at risk of developmental delays. Our clinical team of a neonatologist or neonatal nurse practitioner, NIC nurse, occupational therapist, and social worker follows at-risk infants for up to two years.

## High-Risk Maternity Services

During hospitalization, at-risk mothers-to-be are connected with family-centered care resources. Patient services offered include:

- Consultation by Topeka's only perinatologist
- Flexible visiting policies for family and friends
- Accommodations for spouse or support person
- Access to the Ronald McDonald House
- Grief and loss support
- Breast feeding support

**NIC Contacts**
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**Perinatal Contacts**
Perinatal Secretary: **(785) 354-5952**
Birthplace Secretary: **(785) 354-6443**